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# Meeting sought on Algonquin Center dispute

By CLARENCE MATTHEWS  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

The NAACP-Ministerial Coalition yesterday voted to seek a meeting with both sides in the dispute between the Black Workers Coalition and the merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center.

The merchants have accused the Black Workers Coalition of threatening to picket their businesses if each of the 16 merchants did not contribute \$100 a month to support programs in the black community.

The workers coalition has charged the merchants with discrimination in hiring and recently ended a 3-month nonbuying campaign against McCrory's, a department store in the center.

At yesterday's meeting, the Ministerial Coalition indicated it was taking action in an attempt to resolve the dispute between the workers coalition and the merchants because of the "community concern" over the issue.

## Customer alarm reported

The Rev. B. S. Ransom, Ministerial Coalition president, said Negro residents who shop at the center became alarmed when some of the merchants announced plans to leave the area rather than pay the money allegedly requested by the workers coalition.

The Ministerial Coalition, an affiliate of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), instructed the Rev. W. J. Hodge, the branch's urban programs director, to attempt to arrange the meeting between the ministers and spokesmen for the merchants and the workers coalition.

The ministers stressed that the proposed meeting would be an attempt to determine the facts in the dispute. They denied they were making an investigation into the activities of the workers coalition.

Earlier, Mr. Hodge, who was out of the city when the Ministerial Coalition earlier this month named a committee to look into the dispute, questioned the propriety of one civil rights organization investigating the activities of another.

## Asks for equal concern

He said there should also be equal concern about the practices of long standing at the center under which blacks were allegedly discriminated against by merchants.

However, Mr. Hodge pointed out that every effort should be made to prevent merchants from leaving another area of western Louisville as they did along 28th Street following the 1968 disorders.

In other business, Mr. Hodge announced that the local NAACP branch will hold a mass meeting on Oct. 7 at the Stoner Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 1127 W. Oak St. The meeting will seek to promote participation in NAACP programs.

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AT SCEF.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 21, 1973

On Friday, August 17, 1973, during the afternoon hours, there was a staff meeting at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). Those who attended the meeting were HELEN GREEVER, JEANETTE BAILEY, JOHN WINFIELD, PEGGY WALKER and an unknown Negro female and an unknown white female. At the meeting they discussed various problems which they encounter in their daily activities at the office.

HELEN GREEVER came up with the idea that SCEF should put out a local newspaper or newsletter regarding various problems confronted by individuals who live in the Louisville area. This idea was not met with approval because it was felt by others at the meeting that there are already too many small newspapers and newsletters in the Louisville area and that such a newspaper would not be well received.

During the meeting, HELEN GREEVER had a visitor who came to the front door of SCEF. This individual was a Negro male whom source has never observed before. GREEVER, upon determining who was at the door asking to see her, became very excited and ran to the backroom telling JEANETTE BAILEY to go to the front door and tell this individual that she (GREEVER) was not there. GREEVER also instructed everyone to be quiet so this individual would not become suspicious and think that she was in the backroom.

According to JEANETTE BAILEY, she (BAILEY) and HELEN, were supposed to attend some type of meeting on Saturday, August 18, 1973. BAILEY indicated that GREEVER had been working very hard in preparation for this meeting, however, BAILEY did not indicate what type of meeting it was nor where the meeting would take place.

On Monday, August 20, 1973, WALTER BOAGS was engaged in a conversation at SCEF regarding the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL). BOAGS indicated that the YWLL supports poor people both black and white, especially with regard to housing problems encountered by poor people. BOAGS also indicated that the YWLL is very interested in correcting problems at the Jefferson County Jail in Louisville, Kentucky. On one occasion, BOAGS, in response to a question as to whether or not the organization advocated violence, stated "the YWLL is

not a violent organization, however, the YWLL doesn't run from it."

According to HELEN GREEVER, there is supposed to be a meeting at SCEF on Wednesday, August 22, 1973, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. According to GREEVER, she will represent SCEF and there will be a representative from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at the meeting as well as representatives from the Russell Area Council and the YWLL. GREEVER stated that BILL ALLISON will possibly attend this meeting also. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ideas as to what rallies and/or demonstrations should be held in the Louisville area in the next few months. According to GREEVER, she holds these meetings occasionally in order to determine what problems are cropping up in various areas of the city in order that demonstrations, if they are needed, can then be held in order to help correct any problems.

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**BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC) Letter  
to and repsonse from the Algonquin  
Merchants Associations**

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THE

BLACK WORKERS COALITION, INCORPORATED

of

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY  
2300 West Oak Street  
40210

TO:

FROM: The Black Workers Coalition, Inc.

The Black Workers Coalition, Incorporated formed in 1969 by a group of workers employed in industry who acknowledged overt racism by employers and industry, advisedly, accepted responsibility to the community and began assembling to corporate ideologies and fight racism in employment. In as much as employment is not the only area racism is prevalent the Black Workers Coalition commenced to initiate programs relative to the community needs such as:

- (1) The Martin Luther King Crisis Program designed to further implement programs provided by City and County Agencies which are not applicable as the need arises.
- (2) The Black Workers Coalition Youth Program designed to educate and motivate the youth in areas not taught in the home and school.
- (3) The Black Workers Coalition Businessman Program designed to involve business entrepreneur the responsibility of rebuilding the community.
- (4) The Black Workers Coalition fund raising program designed to maintain adequate funds for the basic needs of the Coalition and to provide for any emergency arising in the community.

Although your firm contributes to such charities as the United Way, we know that these organizations do not contribute any of these monies into the Black community; therefore, we of The Black Workers Coalition feels that the Merchants of the Algenquin Manor Shopping Center, in order to be more responsive

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to the community in which you serve, should contribute One hundred (\$100.) Dollars per month on a continuous basis to support the aforementioned programs which serve the Black community.

*Robert H. Roberts*

ROBERT H. ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN  
The Black Workers Coalition  
2300 West Oak Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40210

I hereby certify that a copy  
of the above was handed to  
The Merchants in the Algonquin  
Manor Shopping Center this  
day of July, 1973  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Bob Snyder

Reyes Department Store

Fashion Shop

Walgreen Company

A & P Food Store

Gallencamp Shoe Store

Roll Shoe Store

National Shirt Shop

Western Auto

Winn-Dixie Food Store

McCrary 5 & 10 Store

B Mart Furniture Store

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TO THE BLACK WORKERS COALITION

After talking to several people of the community which we do business, the Merchants Association feel that you have some points that we need to improve. Our positive action toward improvement in these areas are:

1. We are going to initiate in our Shopping Center a positive approach to our customers by setting up a Black Consultant, which will handle complaints and carry them before each merchant so that they can be solved. We also are considering setting up an information station to assist our shoppers on general information about our Shopping Center and Government.
2. We are, through our Merchants Association, trying to set up a liaison between the community and the Merchants, but we feel we are going to have on this liaison committee a broad base representation of the community and not just one organization out of the community. This way each organization representing a certain segment of the community will be able to participate.
3. We have and we shall continue to try to improve our Merchant Police Organization by improving their dress and making sure that we have no guards in the Big A to harass customers. And the guards will have respect for the customers.
4. Although we do not agree that we should have a certain percentage of Blacks on our payroll, we are sure going to fill each position that comes open in the future with Blacks who live in the community if possible. We are also considering through the Merchants Association a Screening Program for the employees of the Big A. This way each time there is an opening in a particular store, the Screening Committee would be contacted and they would send over the most qualified for that position at that time. This would take time to put into effect, but our Association is considering it.

at the present time. This way we would always have a record at all times as to the ratio of White to Black workers in the Algonquin Shopping Center.

5. The Merchants Association is in the process of setting a sum of money aside for the community. We hope to have a committee of people from the community, consisting of people such as Rev. Elliott, Rev. Butler, Mr. John Johnson, and Mr. Summers, who would accept or reject programs for the community, based on the effectiveness and money available. We want to work with the community, but we will not pay extortion money to any group who represents only one segment of the community.

We know our legal rights which makes it illegal to extort money for any reason no matter how good the organization may be. Our companies will not be bound to pay a certain amount of money every month to any organization! Each time a contribution is submitted it will have to be approved by our Merchants Association Committee before a donation is made.

We are sure you can see that the Merchants Association would like to solve this problem without any type of trouble. But, there must be some compromising on the Black Workers Coalition's part, or we can see that we are heading for a confrontation, which we hope neither of us wants to happen!

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- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
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- 1 - 157-1760 (CUNNINGHAM)

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 22, 1973

On Tuesday, August 21, 1973, at approximately 1:00 PM, there was no one at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, and the office was completely closed. The apartment above the BWC Office has never been repaired despite the fact that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had claimed that an attorney wanted to rent the upstairs and use it as his office. The upstairs was never repaired simply because the BWC has no money.

In a recent conversation with MOSE RAPIER and BOB CUNNINGHAM, both RAPIER and CUNNINGHAM stated that they are no longer interested in the BWC and have no plans to reaffiliate themselves with the BWC.

The nuns who used to support the BWC have also abandoned the BWC and are particularly upset with the behavior of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and his anti-religious statements.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has moved into a new house which source believes ROBERTS had built. It is rumored in the black community that ROBERTS got a good deal of the money with which to have the home built by taking the money from the BWC treasury.

There is very little community support for the BWC regarding the BWC's demands of the Algonquin Shopping Center. Most blacks feel that the BWC is attempting to "rip off" the shopping center and use the money for their own use.

Source was recently in Indianapolis at the Southern Conference Leadership Conference (SCLC) Convention. Conversation at the convention led source to believe that the BWC never really belonged to SCLC. When U.D. THOMAS was the head of the BWC, the BWC did have ties with SCLC, however, when THOMAS resigned as head of the BWC, the ties which the BWC had with the SCLC vanished. Despite this fact, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the BWC continue to claim an affiliation with the SCLC.

The BWC used or attempted to use a tax number of one of the SCLC branches which is headed by the Reverend BEN BRASS, located somewhere in New York. The BWC never had its own tax number which it could use in order to claim a tax exempt status as an affiliate of the SCLC.

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SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION RE CONVERSATION

HELD WITH VILANNE DAVIS ON 8/16/73.

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August 17, 1973

On Thursday, August 16, 1973, source spoke with VILANNE DAVIS. On this occasion, DAVIS indicated that as far as she knows there is nothing planned with regard to setting up any type of defense fund or a defense organization for RICK OLIVER and LARRY BAINES. According to DAVIS, the next time that OLIVER and BAINES are scheduled to appear in court is sometime during the month of September. DAVIS stated that as far as she knows, there are no plans for any type of demonstration. DAVIS did indicate that CAROLLE MORRIS has talked about raising some money in order to get BAINES and OLIVER out on bond; however, MORRIS has only talked about this and as far as DAVIS knows has not initiated any activity.

DAVIS indicated that she plans to join the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) because the BWC is the only black organization in Louisville at the present time. DAVIS stated that she has been by the BWC Office and plans to return there on Monday, August 20, 1973, and may formally join the organization at that time.

DAVIS has not been very active recently because she claims that she is working a swing shift at the Bell Telephone Company, and this prevents her from engaging in any activity with regard to the "movement".

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 7, 1973

There has been very little activity at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office of late. There is very seldom anyone manning the office during the week. On the weekends there is usually someone at the office, and there is sometimes some activity at the office although the activity is very limited and not nearly as busy as it had been a few months ago.

The BWC has completely abandoned its youth program.

The community meetings which the BWC used to hold on Sundays, are no longer held. As previously mentioned, the office is still usually opened on Sunday, however, there is no formal activity. On occasion source has observed a few people drift into the office on Sunday and talk to BWC members in the office, however, except for these informal rap sessions and an occasional filing of a complaint by a black worker with the BWC, the BWC's activities and function within the black community seem to be just about over.

Louisville, Kentucky  
August 21, 1973

Recently source has observed a light-skinned, black male, first name WALTER, who wears his hair in a pony tail at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office talking with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. Source recalls that on one occasion a few months ago, this individual was at one of the BWC's Sunday community meetings, and on this occasion attempted to talk regarding some type of organization which this individual heads in Louisville, Kentucky; however, he was not well received by individuals at the meeting and they shouted him down claiming that his organization was an "oreo" organization and that he was merely doing the bidding of "white folks".

There has been no talk at all at the BWC Office regarding the demands which have been made by the BWC of the stores in the Algonquin Shopping Center. BWC members seem very unwilling to discuss this topic, and source believes that in fact they are afraid to discuss it because they fear that they will soon be investigated by the police due to these demands made of the Algonquin Shopping Center.

In source's opinion, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is afraid that he is going to be investigated and perhaps arrested as a result of BWC activity with regard to the Algonquin Shopping Center although, as usual, ROBERTS talks very big in an attempt to cover up his fears.

ROBERTS has been very upset lately and very critical of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) due to the fact that the NAACP has openly criticized the BWC for the demands made of the shopping center. ROBERTS has also been very critical of the local clergy in Louisville, Kentucky, because they have also criticized ROBERTS. ROBERTS has never had any love for the NAACP nor has he had any love for the clergy, and on previous occasions has had his difficulties with both these groups.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
August 17, 1973

On Wednesday, August 15, 1973, WALTER BOAGS stopped by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) Office at approximately 3:00 PM. He was by himself. BOAGS stated that he was then on his way to the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. Before leaving for the BWC Office, BOAGS spoke with HELEN GREEVER and JOHN WINFIELD regarding the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL). BOAGS attempted to get JOHN WINFIELD interested in joining the organization. WINFIELD expressed an interest, and the two agreed that they would talk at a later date in depth regarding the possibility of WINFIELD's joining the YWLL.

In addition to HELEN GREEVER and JOHN WINFIELD, JEANETTE BAILEY and PEGGY (Last Name Unknown) (BILL ALLISON's secretary) were at SCEF's office. According to PEGGY (Last Name Unknown), BILL ALLISON is currently on vacation and is out of town.

CAROLLE MORRIS stopped by SCEF's office on Wednesday afternoon to inquire exactly where BILL ALLISON's office was located. When MORRIS appeared at SCEF's office it was very noticeable that all of the employees at SCEF became very "uptight".

On Thursday, August 16, 1973, source was at the Black Workers Coalition Office at approximately 2:00 PM. There was no activity there other than a few teenagers talking about going back to school. The only BWC member at the office was a Negro female who was acting as a secretary. On the last several occasions on which source has stopped by the BWC Office, there has been very little activity. It is source's opinion that the BWC is about to go under.



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August 15, 1973

JUDI SIMMONS did not return to work on Tuesday, August 14, 1973. HELEN GREEVER is very upset over the fact that SIMMONS has not returned to work, and GREEVER is of the opinion that SIMMONS is not very dependable and is not carrying her fair work load. JEANETTE BAILEY has also been very critical of JUDI SIMMONS in front of HELEN GREEVER, and this has agitated GREEVER even more. It is quite obvious that JEANETTE BAILEY does not like JUDI SIMMONS and says things purposely to upset HELEN GREEVER and to turn GREEVER against SIMMONS. GREEVER has intimated that she may fire JUDI SIMMONS.

In addition to JEANETTE BAILEY and HELEN GREEVER, at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) Office on Tuesday, August 14, 1973, was an old white male, approximately seventy years old known only as "CHARLIE". This individual stops by SCEF's office about once every week in order to check the office machinery and to make sure it is running properly.

At approximately 4:30 PM, an individual whom source knows to be associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) stopped by SCEF and spoke to HELEN GREEVER for a very short time. This individual is very friendly with ROGER DICKERSON and on this occasion was driving DICKERSON's automobile.

The printing press at SCEF is not run on a daily basis. There are several individuals at SCEF who know how to run it and whenever something has to be run off, whoever happens to be in the office at that time will do it. HELEN GREEVER knows how to run the press and on many occasions if she needs something run off, she will simply do it herself. At the present time, SCEF does not have a full-time printer.

HELEN GREEVER talks a great deal about Communism. Whenever she gets into rap sessions with fellow employees at SCEF or when individuals simply come into SCEF to talk, the conversation will almost always drift toward Communism. GREEVER is very critical of the United States Government, claiming that it is a very oppressive type of government and that the only alternative is Communism.

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On Sunday, August 12, 1973, there was a meeting at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office during the afternoon hours. Only about twelve people were at the meeting. Discussion at the meeting centered around complaints regarding the attitude of police officers in the black community and also the high cost of food stamps. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who was at the meeting, has decided that this will be the next issue (that is, the high cost of food stamps) that the BWC will take up. ROBERTS asked most of the people to return next Sunday to the BWC Office to further discuss this problem.

JUDI SIMMONS has not returned to work at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) despite the fact that she was expected on Monday, August 13, 1973.

At the office on Monday, August 13, 1973, were HELEN GREEVER, PEGGY (Last Name Unknown) and JEANETTE BAILEY. An unknown Negro male arrived at the office. This individual was driving a 1964 or 1965 green two-door Dodge Polaris, bearing North Carolina license CAS-835. This individual met with HELEN GREEVER for a short time during the morning hours and then returned later in the afternoon to again meet with GREEVER. This individual is described as a Negro male, approximately thirty years old, 5'11", 160 pounds, dark complexion, beard, medium length hair.

WALTER BOAGS' telephone number is 772-1194. (The Louisville City Directory and Criss-Cross Directory fail to reflect a subscriber for this number).

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August 9, 1973

Source recently stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. There was very little activity at the office and according to BWC members, there are no longer any meetings at the office. For all intents and purposes, the BWC appears to be dead.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1973, source observed several notes near one of the telephones at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). The notes were addressed to WALT. Source assumed that these messages were to WALTER BOAGS inasmuch as WALTER BOAGS is the only WALTER currently associated with SCEF. The messages read to please call telephone number 776-7976 and were marked urgent. On one of the occasions, an individual who called and left this message identified herself as DETRA McNARY (phonetic). (The current City Directory reflects that telephone 776-7976 is subscribed to by HERSCHEL E. McNARY and wife, DOROTHY L. McNARY's occupation is listed as a supervisor at Naval Ordnance and his residence is listed as 1532 South 31st Street. Also listed as residing at 1532 South 31st Street is DIEDRE McNARY, who is listed as being a student.)

There was very little activity on Wednesday, August 8, 1973, at SCEF. An individual named JAMES (Last Name Unknown), who lives in the neighborhood, stopped by the office for a short period of time. JAMES (Last Name Unknown) is described as a Negro male, 5'11", slim, dark complexion, having a high-pitched voice, between eighteen and twenty years old. Source does not believe that he is a member of SCEF.

Also at the office was a Negro female named SHARON (Last Name Unknown), who just started working at SCEF about a week ago. SHARON (Last Name Unknown) is described as a Negro female, approximately 17, 5'5", 130 pounds, long hair worn to the side, attractive, having a medium complexion and some gold in her mouth.

HELEN GREEVER stopped by the office for a short period of time along with several people both white and black, whom source had never seen before. They went to one of the back rooms and discussed something for about an hour.

Source noted that in her conversations, HELEN GREEVER talks a lot about Communism, and it is quite evident even to the casual observer, that she is a Communist.

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## NAACP Absent From Big 'A'-BWC Meeting

Although the NAACP Ministerial Coalition recently stated that it would investigate the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) plan to boycott all stores in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center, the NAACP was not represented at last Thursday's public meeting concerning the BWC and Big "A" merchants.

The BWC recently demanded \$100 a month "forever" from all merchants in the shopping center. However, the merchants feel that this is extortion on the part of the BWC and have refused to pay the money. Officials of the BWC and representatives of the Algonquin Merchants Association are negotiating alternatives to paying

the \$100. BWC had previously stated that if the merchants refused to pay the money, their stores would be boycotted.

A special meeting was held last Thursday at King Solomon Baptist Church to discuss picketing of the Big "A" Shopping Center. Despite a heavy thunderstorm, hundreds of persons, including several from the Newburg area, attended the meeting.

The Algonquin Merchants Association, BWC, Urban League, Plymouth Settlement House, California and Russell Area Councils were all represented at the meeting.

Reportedly, persons attending the meeting were surprised that the ministerial coalition of the NAACP did not come, nor send a representative; especially in view of the fact that the BWC supported the NAACP when it launched a non-buying campaign against A & P food stores in the Louisville area.

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# ***Big "A" Merchants Expect Boycott***

By Meryl Thornton  
Defender Staff Writer

Is the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) preparing to launch a non-buying campaign against all the stores in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center, located just outside the city limits on Cane Run Road?

Early last week, BWC ended a 53-consecutive day boycott against the McCrory Five and Ten store in Algonquin Manor. The BWC contended that the boycott was successful, although it has not said whether all of the demands were granted. The BWC picketed McCrory because it felt an employee was unjustly fired. It also demanded that the manager, Robert Leigh, be dismissed; however, he is still manager.

Now, the BWC is reportedly asking all stores in the Algonquin Center to pay this organization \$100 a month "forever" to help support four community involvement programs.

It appears that if the stores refuse to pay the amount asked, they will be boycotted.

Jerry Harrelson, manager of the Algonquin Rose's Stores and head of the Algonquin Merchants Association, said that BWC is asking for extortion money, which he is not willing to pay.

According to Harrelson, some members of BWC measured off his store last Saturday for a potential boycott. As of our deadline no demonstration against Roses or any store in the shopping center has taken place. But Harrelson said he believes BWC will boycott shortly.

Harrelson said that before the mention of "extortion," the BWC had asked him for non-cash donations on at least three separate occasions. He said that he does not have the authority to give cash donations from his store.

The entire Algonquin Shopping Center is owned by one individual; the stores rent space from this per-

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existence long. Already, the son, therefore, tax payers are not funding the operation of any of these stores.

The Roses store has been in Algonquin Manor for 13 years; Harrelson has been manager for six months.

BWC also requested the Algonquin Merchants Association to give Blacks preference in future hiring, improve the dress of the Merchant Police Organization and assure that the guards do not harass customers, establish a liaison committee of a cross section of the Black community, hire a Black consultant to handle complaints against the merchants. The Black consultant was not named.

Harrelson said that he has met with spokesmen from BWC twice within the last two months. He said, "If they would drop extortion money, I'd talk with them on other matters."

If every store is boycotted successfully, none of them would be in

Fashion Shop has moved to a shopping center in Pleasure Ridge Park for fear of being picketed.

According to Harrelson, since the BWC's demand for "extortion" money, he has received numerous phone calls from Blacks in the community saying that they

will not support a boycott. Harrelson said that many Black persons do not have transportation and walk to the shopping center. Algonquin Manor is the only shopping center in the westend section of the city. Obviously, the majority of people who shop there are Black.

The Defender made several attempts to contact Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of BWC, but to no avail, nor could any member of BWC be contacted at the office.

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On August 7, 1973, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Ministerial Coalition, described as auxiliary of the NAACP, held a press conference and announced that a special committee had been appointed to investigate the conflict existing between merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center and the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). A spokesman for the NAACP Ministerial Coalition read a prepared statement to the press indicating that the NAACP Ministerial Coalition does not condone practices of the BWC in connection with local merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center. Preliminary investigation by the NAACP Ministerial Coalition indicates that many of the stores located at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center currently employ black sales personnel and many are managed by blacks. It is generally known that the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center has the highest crime and shoplifting rate in the Louisville, Kentucky, area for any establishment of similar nature.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Chairman of the BWC, had met privately with local black preachers and has indicated that the BWC had no respect for "Uncle Tom" preachers. ROBERTS specifically indicated that the BWC would "get" to the "Uncle Tom" preachers eventually.

At the present time the BWC can only claim approximately 24 individuals who are even interested in the BWC and its activities. The BWC has been unable to pay its rent at 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky, and is in arrears for its telephone bill.

Although the BWC claims to have been affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the fact is that the BWC was never officially recognized by SCLC. The BWC has never been an affiliate of SCLC although at one time it believed that it qualified for same due to its activities in the black community.

The current situation existing between the BWC and merchants at Algonquin Manor Shopping Center is being carefully watched by the NAACP and in particular by the NAACP Ministerial Coalition. At the present time it does not appear that the BWC has sufficient support within the black community to cause any significant racial tension or resulting violence.

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# NAACP group to probe shopping-center dispute

The NAACP-Ministerial Coalition Tuesday announced it would conduct its own investigation into the controversy between the Black Workers Coalition and the merchants at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center.

In a statement by the Rev. B. S. Ransom of the Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Rev. Sinclair Royal of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, the NAACP-Ministerial Coalition said it would look into both the attitudes and practices of the merchants, as well as the methods used by the Black Workers Coalition to change those practices and attitudes.

The ministerial group is an affiliate of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The statement said the NAACP-Ministerial Coalition does not condone cer-

tain practices of the merchants, nor does it condone certain tactics "apparently being proposed by the Black Workers Coalition."

The Black Workers Coalition has demanded \$100 a month from each of the 16 merchants at the shopping center. The merchants say that the coalition has threatened to picket the stores of the non-contributors. An official from the Black Workers Coalition refused to comment on picketing when asked about it by a Times reporter.

The Black Workers Coalition recently ended a 53-day picketing of McCrory's department store at the shopping center, charging that McCrory's was engaged in discriminatory practices.

The picketing ended last month with neither the Black Workers Coalition nor McCrory's giving any reason why. The coalition simply said it felt all its demands had been met.

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## Clergy to probe Algonquin dispute

The NAACP Ministerial Coalition, an auxiliary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced yesterday that it has appointed a committee to investigate the conflict between the merchants of the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center and the Black Workers Coalition.

The Rev. B. S. Ransom, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and chairman of the group, read a prepared statement saying "we do not condone" certain practices of the merchants nor certain remedies proposed by the Black Workers Coalition.

The ministers said they will make no further statements until the inquiry is finished.

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# Money sought for community programs

## Merchants ponder demand

### of funds for blacks

By JERRY HICKS

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The Black Workers Coalition, which recently ended a 53-day boycott campaign against McCrory's at the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center, now has demanded a \$100-a-month contribution from each of the shopping center's 16 merchants.

The president of the Algonquin Merchants Association, Jerry Harrelson, said almost all the merchants have adamantly refused to pay what they consider "extortion money." The coalition says the money would be used to support programs in the black community.

Harrelson said the Black Workers Coal-

ition made it clear that if the donations are not forthcoming, its members would picket the non-contributors.

One of the Algonquin Manor stores, The Fashion Shop, is closing down and moving to a new location.

Walter Stern, Fashion Shop manager, said he had refused to pay the \$100 a month and couldn't afford the threat of continuous picketing.

"It's impossible to do business here any longer under these conditions," Stern said. The Fashion Shop will relocate in a few days at the Westchester Shopping Center, in Pleasure Ridge Park.

Harrelson said he can't be sure every merchant will refuse to pay and cited Winn-Dixie.

G. C. Stuckey, area manager for the Winn-Dixie food stores, said he hasn't decided, but did say he hasn't ruled out the possibility of making a contribution. "We've had one meeting with them, which we thought was a good meeting, and another one is scheduled," Stuckey said. "I'm just not sure what we'll do yet. They've been telling us about some of their programs, and we've been mostly listening."

At least one other business in the Louisville area is contributing to the Black Workers Coalition.

Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp. is making a "continuous contribution," according to area manager Leland Dowdy.

Dowdy would not say how much the

firm is paying, but called it "a nominal sum."

Dowdy said he doesn't feel that the Black Workers Coalition directly pressured him into giving a contribution. "But there's no denying we felt some pressure," he said.

Dowdy said he was convinced that the Black Workers Coalition had good intentions and would put the money to good use. But he admitted he had no idea how the money is being spent. Dowdy pointed out that when Kentucky Fried Chicken makes contributions in the white commu-

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nity, "There is often pressure put on us."

Harrelson, however, said Dowdy gave him a different version of why his corporation is contributing.

"Dowdy told me he contributed simply to keep from hurting his business," Harrelson said.

The Algonquin merchants express grave concern over the threat of picket and boycott activities, which would hurt their businesses.

Harrelson, who is manager of Rose's, a department store, said a picket could cut his business down 50 per cent.

"If they picket very long, we might very well have to relocate," Harrelson said. "This whole thing is unbelievable. We don't think very many people in the black community support the Black Workers Coalition, but they feel the pressure too and don't want to get involved."

But Harrelson said his company would rather lose business than pay the money.

"We're not paying extortion to anybody," he said.

Algonquin Manor is off Cane Run Road just south of Algonquin Parkway. Most of its customers are black.

The Algonquin Merchants Association has come up with a list of proposals its members feel will make the stores more responsive to the black community. But the list was flatly rejected by Roosevelt Roberts, president of the Black Workers Coalition.

Proposals on the list include:

- ✓ Hiring a black consultant to handle complaints against merchants.

- ✓ Establishment of a liaison committee made up of members of the black community who represent a broad base "and not just one organization."

- ✓ Improving the Merchant Police Organization by improving their dress and assuring that guards do not harass customers.

- ✓ Giving blacks preference in future hiring. It would establish a screening committee to help with the hiring.

- ✓ Setting up a sum of money to be contributed to the community. However, the money would reach the community through another, broadly based committee.

The merchants' proposal also states: "We know our legal rights, which make it illegal to extort money for any reason no matter how good the organization may be."

#### Negotiations taped, Harrelson says

Harrelson played a recording for The Times, a tape, he said, of a conversation last Friday between him and five members of the Black Workers Coalition.

One voice on the tape, which Harrelson said was Roberts', indicated that the group would not end its activities because of the proposals. Robert Holt, an assistant to Harrelson who was present during the meeting, verified that the objecting voice was Roberts'.

"This piece of paper is fine," the voice on the tape said. "But you know you're just b——, and we know you're just b——. So let's cut it out right now and get on with it."

The voice said that the merchants' provision for disbursing money to the community through a committee was "the age-old white trick of pitting black folks against black folks."

The Black Workers Coalition indicated to Harrelson, as recorded on the tape, that they would expect him to call them by Monday (four days ago) to set up further negotiations.

"You call us, or we'll be calling you for the real thing," a voice said (which Harrelson and Holt said was Roberts').

Harrelson said he did not call them, but that they contacted him again Wednesday. He agreed to set up another meeting this coming Monday night. However, Harrelson told The Times he plans to call that meeting off.

"We've made our position clear, and I don't see that there's anything else we can say to them," Harrelson said. If they want to picket us, I don't guess we can stop them. But we're not budging on giving them any money."

The Times made various attempts last night to reach Roberts at his home and at the Black Workers Coalition office, at 2300 W. Oak St., but was unsuccessful.

The Black Workers Coalition is set up primarily to give support to the grassroots, working blacks. A voice identified as Roberts' told Harrelson, as recorded on the tape, "Workers have been ripped off time and time again by opportunists. These are working people in this group



who have put their nickels and ~~dimes~~ ~~together to work~~ for the black community."

Roberts said he worked for the coalition on his leisure time. "I think you people don't think I'm a working man," Roberts said. "But I am, and my wife works, too. We're working for the coalition on our own time."

The Black Workers Coalition has four programs it feels are designed to help the community. Money contributed by merchants would go to support those programs, Roberts said in a letter to the merchants.

The programs are:

- ✓ Martin Luther King Crisis Program to further implement city and county agency programs "not applicable as the need arises."

- ✓ Youth program designed to educate and motivate youths "in areas not taught in home and school."

- ✓ Business program designed to involve business entrepreneurs in the responsibility of "rebuilding the community."

- ✓ Fund-raising program to maintain adequate funds for the "basic needs of the coalition and to provide for any emergency arising in the community."

Harrelson said he is opposed to giving money to these programs until the Black Workers Coalition explains more fully what the programs mean.

"We've asked them, but they don't pinpoint anything," Harrelson said.

The Black Workers Coalition began a boycott with picketing at McCrory's because of the alleged unjust firing of a black worker. It included a demand that the manager, Robert E. Leigh, be dismissed.

#### Case resolved, blacks said

The pickets left at the end of last month and announced that "All demands were met; all parties were satisfied."

Officials at McCrory's main office, in York, Pa., have refused to discuss any details of the case.

Leigh is still manager at the store, but one merchant at the shopping center said he has it "on good word" that Leigh will be replaced soon.

One Times reporter overheard Leigh say over the telephone that he felt that company had undercut him. When Leigh was asked if he is to be replaced, he said he has not received any official word from his superiors.

"They (officials in York) handled all the negotiations with the Black Workers Coalition," Leigh said. "I really know nothing about it."

The merchant who had word about Leigh's dismissal said he also had it "on good word" that McCrory's has agreed to a cash settlement to the Black Workers Coalition.

McCrory's officials in York, when confronted with this information, again refused comment. The Black Workers Coalition also has refused comment on the terms of the negotiations that ended the boycott.

Harrelson and the other merchants at Algonquin Manor are of the opinion that the Black Workers Coalition's demand amounts to extortion.

But Jefferson County Police Chief Russell McDaniel (Algonquin Manor is just outside the Louisville city limits) has advised them that "at this time" the issue is a civil matter and not a legal one. McDaniel told The Times that if the merchants were to get a court injunction preventing the group from picketing, and then pickets were in front of the stores, he would have grounds to make an arrest.

Harrelson said he has also contacted Edwin A. Schroering, commonwealth's attorney, to express concern over the matter.

Harrelson said he has "a great deal of respect for Roberts."

"He's a very determined man, and he's working hard to get what he believes in," Harrelson said. "But we simply can't give in to them. We'll go somewhere else if we have to."

Harrelson said his own store was hurt slightly by the McCrory's boycott, but that it could recuperate if there is no further boycotting.

In its list of proposals presented to the Black Workers Coalition, the merchants said they would seek a compromise with the group, "or we can see that we are heading for a confrontation, which we hope neither of us wants to happen."

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P)

DATE: 8/8/73

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# Blacks end picketing of McCrory store

By DENNIS POLITE  
Louisville Times Staff Writer

The Black Workers Coalition yesterday announced that it has ended its picket and boycott activities against McCrory's, a department store in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center at 3400 Cane Run Road.

But it warned at the same time that other stores in the center may be in for the same treatment unless they work toward some agreement with the coalition about complaints against them.

Neither the coalition officials who announced the end of the picket activities and agreement with McCrory's nor the manager of the store would release details of the agreement, which was worked out with national officers of the store's chain.

Robert E. Leigh, manager of the store since Aug. 11, 1972, said yesterday, "Everything has been settled." He said chain officials told him the pickets would leave and that the situation was resolved. The pickets have been gone since July 23.

Leigh said he was not in on the negotiations, nor was he given details of the agreement.

At yesterday's press conference, coalition treasurer Sonya Ramsey said, "All demands were met; all parties were satisfied."

The 53 days of picketing were set off by the alleged unjust firing of a black woman worker at the store. The coalition demanded the reinstatement of the woman and the dismissal of Leigh.

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**Store boycott ends;  
Negro group says  
demands were met**

A spokesman for the Black Workers Coalition announced yesterday that the coalition has ended its 53-day boycott and picket activity against McCrory's, a department store in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center, 3400 Cafe Run Road.

At a press conference yesterday, coalition treasurer Sonya Ramsey said the coalition's demands had been met. However, neither coalition nor McCrory's officials would release the details of the agreement.

The coalition began picketing after a black woman worker at the store was fired.

The coalition had charged that the woman was fired because she resisted improper advances by a supervisor and had demanded that the woman be rehired with back pay and that the supervisor be replaced.

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SIRI HY GANDHI has been seen at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office recently. The purpose for her visits to the BWC Office is to discuss her candidacy for alderman. GANDHI is seeking the support of the BWC.

The BWC has no funds. The water at the office has been turned off because the BWC cannot pay the bill. In hopes of raising money, the BWC is still picketing McCrory's at the Algonquin Shopping Center. Source is convinced that the only reason that the BWC is picketing McCrory's is to try to get McCrory's and other stores at the center to donate money to the BWC so that the BWC will stop picketing.

There is no activity at the office and there are no meetings held at the office anymore. There is very little interest in the BWC in the black community, and the membership is down to about seven.

The BWC has had no contact with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) for well over a month, and source feels certain that the relationship between these two organizations is through.

The BWC had planned to do some work on the upstairs of its office space so that an attorney could move in and use the upstairs as his office. However, due to lack of funds, the BWC has not been able to do any repairs, and no one has moved in as yet.

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Twelve merchants in the  
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Persons connected with the Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) plan to hold a demonstration outside the Jefferson County Court House on July 24, 1973, to protest the arrest of CEDRIC MAURICE WILSON, a local Louisville, Kentucky black youth charged with the murder of Louisville patrolman TOMMY RAY. The KPPC is believed to be closely associated with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

FRED SHUTTLESWORTH, an official of SCEF, frequently visits Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with his duties as minister of a church. SHUTTLESWORTH very seldom mentions SCEF when discussing problems facing the United States with fellow ministers. SHUTTLESWORTH, however, is firmly dedicated to the SCEF philosophy. SHUTTLESWORTH believes that the key to relief of pressure on SCEF by the general public will be that so many bigoted-minded people will call everything Communism that SCEF will be overlooked in the process. SHUTTLESWORTH does not appear to be that educated of an individual, however, he does have a strong knowledge of SCEF principles. SHUTTLESWORTH gives one the impression that CARL and ANNE BRADEN are normal, patriotic United States citizens completely accepting their Communist philosophy.

The Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) reportedly ripped off SCEF headquarters, 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, of office machinery and equipment. KBPP members also reportedly have attacked SCEF members, and in one instance, even abducted an official of SCEF.

The KBPP has lost much publicity in recent months and is believed to be non-existent. At one time, the KBPP had requested that all Negro churches contribute at least thirty percent of their Sunday collections to the KBPP free breakfast program, however, the response to the KBPP request was minimal if non-existent. The KBPP promised that if the churches would contribute the requested amount, the churches could utilize the KBPP office as a nursery for children.

G.T. ALEXANDER is believed to be out of the Louisville, Kentucky area or at least has been out of the Louisville, Kentucky

area in the recent past. ALEXANDER is no longer associated with the KBPP.

The Nation of Islam (NOI) has approximately fifty to fifty-five persons associated therewith currently living in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Meetings are held regularly at several apartments in the Village West complex. ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS is the "prime mover" for the NOI in Louisville, Kentucky. ERASTUS X. presides over most of the NOI meetings. The NOI in Louisville, Kentucky, is non-violent and is primarily a religious group. ERASTUS X. and his NOI following in Louisville, Kentucky, frequently travel between Louisville, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend NOI economic, social and religious functions at the latter location. NOI efforts to recruit people in the Louisville, Kentucky area, have been somewhat unsuccessful. The NOI has not been able to gain a stronghold in the Louisville, Kentucky Negro community and primarily concerns itself with the selling of the newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks". NOI members from the Cincinnati, Ohio area frequently come to Louisville, Kentucky, to "hawk" NOI newspapers in the commercial areas thereof. ERASTUS X. WILLIAMS is quite outspoken against the Sunni Muslim Sect active in the Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania areas. Apparently the Sunni Muslims verbally attacked the NOI leader, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, causing violence between the two groups in those areas. The NOI group in Louisville, Kentucky, has been most respectful to the local black clergy and has given no indication of being violent or leaning towards violence. The local NOI group at Louisville, Kentucky, can best be described as an extremely anti-white religious type sect, which is not believed to condone any type of violence in furtherance of its objectives.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) reportedly is losing momentum and is on the verge of extinction. The BWC has recently picketed McCrory's Department Store at the Big A Shopping Center, Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky. The majority of the Negro community has "turned thumbs down" on the BWC and its efforts to organize that community.

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 1 - 157-1701 (KPPC)  
 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)  
 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)  
 1 - 157-1616 (DAVIS)  
 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS, B.)  
 1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, J.)  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 18, 1973

On July 18, 1973, "BUTCH" (SIMMONS) was observed driving his 1964 blue Chevrolet with blue and white checker-board trunk, in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky. Present in the vehicle was an individual who resembled BEN SIMMONS and waved to source as the vehicle drove past the location where the source was standing. Although SIMMONS could not be positively identified as being the individual riding in "BUTCH's" automobile, source believes that the individual observed by him was, in fact, SIMMONS.

MIKE CLARKSON has not been seen since on or about July 3, 1973, and is generally believed to be out of Louisville, Kentucky.

The Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) plans to march outside of the Jefferson County Court House on July 24, 1973, at 9:00 AM in an effort to protest the arrest and prosecution of CEDRIC MAURICE WILSON, a local Louisville, Kentucky black youth arrested for the murder of Louisville patrolman, TOMMY RAY.

HERB JONES is currently totally inactive with the KBPP (Kentucky Black Panther Party). JONES appears to be completely disinterested in the black extremist movement at the present time. Inasmuch as KBPP members are no longer interested in the KBPP, and several KBPP members are currently incarcerated, there apparently is no longer a KBPP active organization in the Louisville, Kentucky area. The KBPP has no physical facilities and has no equipment or furniture. Food which had been stored by the KBPP at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Center, South Hancock Street, Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with the KBPP free breakfast program, is to be given away to needy people in the area, according to HERB JONES.

CAROLLE MORRIS has been spending much time with VILANNE DAVIS. MORRIS and DAVIS both claim to be former KBPP members. MORRIS indicated on July 18, 1973, that she, too, has seen BEN SIMMONS in Louisville, Kentucky, and that he had come to Louisville, Kentucky, to see his son and JUDI SIMMONS,

his estranged wife. JUDI SIMMONS reportedly is currently staying with her mother at Middletown, Kentucky. JUDI's mother is keeping her baby for her while she is employed at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

BEN SIMMONS was wearing wire-framed glasses and a short-cropped haircut with cap when observed by source on July 18, 1973.

Louisville, Kentucky  
July 20, 1973

On July 19, 1973, JUDI SIMMONS was engaged in conversation at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), 3210 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, during which time she indicated that BEN SIMMONS had been in town but had left Louisville, Kentucky, with G.T. ALEXANDER. JUDI SIMMONS did not offer any further information concerning their destination or their nature and purpose of travel. JUDI did confirm, however, that SIMMONS was in town previous to July 18, 1973; however, SIMMONS was not positively visually observed by source on July 18, 1973.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is described as a local Louisville, Kentucky, black organization devoted to assisting Negroes in attaining equal opportunity and equal treatment while employed in local industry.

While speaking with a local Nation of Islam (NOI) member who declined to identify himself, source learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had shot an NOI member while attempting to arrest him in Chicago, Illinois. The local NOI member indicated that the NOI was very much angered by the above injustice against their "brother", but did not give any indication that the NOI was thinking of any retaliation or similar violent reprisal.

TOM BLACK (ADAMS), who was formerly affiliated with the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO) has not been observed in the Louisville, Kentucky area for quite some time. BLACK never affiliated himself with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) and apparently his only association with the black extremist movement in the Louisville, Kentucky area was limited to that with JOMO.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 13, 1973

On Thursday, July 12, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) picketed McCrory's Drug Store in the Algonquin Shopping Center. DOROTHY ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS, J. CHANDLER, BRENDA (ALLEN), VANITA TINKER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and GLORIA (SHARKS) all participated in the picketing.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the BWC is going to rent the upstairs of its office space to an attorney. ROBERTS did not indicate the name of the attorney. ROBERTS stated that the BWC plans to panel the apartment above the office space in order to make it look more like an office.

According to the Reverend ELLIOTT of the King Solomon Church in Louisville, Kentucky, the BWC is not affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). It is source's opinion that, in fact, the BWC was never formally affiliated with SCLC.

There are no meetings at the BWC and hardly any activities at all. The only thing the BWC members are doing at the present time is picketing McCrory's.

ROGER DICKERSON is still a member of the BWC and every once in awhile stops by the BWC Office.

On Thursday, July 12, 1973, a light-skinned, black man was observed in the BWC Office. This individual was never seen before. He was driving a car with United States Government plates on it and some writing on the sides of the car which looked like the type of writing which source has observed on official government vehicles.

The BWC has had no contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) for almost a year.

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INFORMATION RE BLACK WORKERS COALITION

(BWC) DEMONSTRATION, 7/8/73, LOUISVILLE,  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 9, 1973

At approximately 3:00 PM on July 8, 1973, eight Negroes were observed picketing McCrory's Department Store located in the Big A Shopping Center, Algonquin Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky. Picketers were carrying signs urging the hiring of more blacks. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was the only participant in the above-mentioned picket identified by source. Above picket was believed to be organized by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC).

HERB JONES has indicated that he is trying to contact MIKE CLARKSON, however, CLARKSON has been unavailable for several days. CLARKSON has frequented Bachelors II, Seventh and Berry Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, and Washington Street West bars in the past, and is believed to be known to persons associated with the above-mentioned recreational establishments.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
July 2, 1973

There was no meeting on Sunday, July 1, 1973, at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. As previously reported, the BWC has discontinued holding Sunday meetings due to poor attendance.

The only two people who showed up at the BWC Office on Sunday were ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and his brother, WOODROW ROBERTS. They discussed ways to come up with money in order to pay the back rent which the BWC owes and also to come up with money for the BWC's water bill inasmuch as the water has been turned off at the BWC Office. They did not come up with any definite plans for raising any money.

On Monday, July 2, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS arrived at the BWC Office at approximately 9:00 AM by himself. He milled around the office not doing much of anything and appeared to be rather despondent. While ROBERTS was at the office, no one else from the BWC showed up.

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Furnished info re NOI  
trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, with IVAN  
CALDWELL to visit HENRY X; re visit to  
SCEF and activities of SCEF; re picketing  
of Stewart's Department Store, Louisville.

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1 - 100-197 (SCEF)

1 - 100-5105 (HOBAN)

1 - 100-5258 (BRIDGES)

1 - 100-5386 (WELCH)

1 - 100-6217 (BOAGS)

① - 157-1219 (BWC)

1 - 100-6071 (H. GREEVER)

1 - 157-1206 (WILLIAMS)

1 - 100-5220 (GRUPPER)

1 - 157-583 (SIMS)

1 - 157-1112 (NOI)

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 20, 1973

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According to CALDWELL, he and HENRY X have been visiting on numerous occasions over the past several months. The whole objective of the trip to Cincinnati was to see how things were going with the Nation of Islam (NOI) in Cincinnati and also to see if the girls, CLARA GREEN and JANICE MITCHELL, could be recruited into the NOI. During the meeting with HENRY X, HENRY X did most of the talking. He indicated there were going to be drastic changes made if the Muslim idea does not fit all of the people at the present time. The changes involved would be primarily ideological changes. HENRY X also talked a great deal about the NOI members gathering their own food, working on farms, and establishing their own businesses. HENRY X agreed to set the source up with a job if he wanted to join the NOI and also asked him what his talents and qualifications were with the idea that the NOI would provide him training in certain skills where he had a basic talent to begin with. In return, the NOI would ask for a certain percentage of his earnings.

Also during the meeting with HENRY X, IVAN CALDWELL again brought out the fact that he was going to eventually be one of the head men in Cincinnati, and that he was only awaiting the okay of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at the present time. All four returned to Louisville, Kentucky, in the same automobile during the late afternoon. He does not feel that either CLARA GREEN or JANICE MITCHELL was very much impressed and does not feel that their potential for joining the NOI is very great.

On Monday, June 18, 1973, source visited the office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF),

Louisville, Kentucky. During his visit he saw JOE HOBAN, TERESA BRIDGES, MIKE WELCH and HELEN GREEVER. He does not believe that TERESA BRIDGES has severed her relationship with SCEF. He feels that whenever she is at SCEF, she still continues to function as a secretary. Among other things, SCEF is currently involved in the picketing of Stewart's Department Store in Louisville in support of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

On Saturday, June 19, 1973, there was a picketing demonstration at Stewart's Department Store from about 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM, which involved approximately forty pickets. There were approximately eight or nine black persons involved in the picketing, one of whom was WALTER BOAGS, who is connected with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). BOAGS himself was carrying a picketing sign which read to the effect, "Stop buying Farrah slacks - workers must have freedom - boycott Farrah slacks". BOAGS asked the source if he would carry a sign which the source subsequently did. Leaflets were also passed out during the course of picketing which encouraged the boycotting of Stewart's Department Store for their sale of Farrah slacks. There were no incidents during the course of the demonstration.

He has seen HENRI WILLIAMS on several occasions recently, and WILLIAMS is currently riding a ten-speed bicycle. He does not know what activities WILLIAMS currently is engaged in.

IRA GRUPPER was also involved in the demonstration at Stewart's Department Store on Saturday, June 19, 1973, and was also carrying one of the demonstration signs. He also recognized a girl from SCEF who was involved in the picketing. He does not know her identity, however, she is described as a white female, approximately height 5'5", curly hair and wears glasses.



Louisville, Kentucky  
June 22, 1973

Source learned that ROBERT SIMS, also known as Kuyu, is currently driving a Yellow Cab on a full time basis during the day shift.

Source advised he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of JUDY GAYLE HARDEN and did not recognize the name or photograph of JEFFREY DAVID POWELL.

Source has heard of the African Liberation Support Committee, however, to his knowledge this organization does not exist in the Louisville area.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 29, 1973

The water at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office has been turned off. The BWC has a water bill of \$50 which it has been unable to pay, hence the water was turned off.

The police caused the BWC to stop picketing in front of McCrory's. Now that the BWC members are not allowed to picket in front of McCrory's, they merely have signs put up in the vicinity of McCrory's asking people not to purchase anything at the store.

Rumor has it that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is having a home built somewhere on Eastern Parkway. There is some talk that ROBERTS got much of this money which he is using to have the home built from the BWC.

There is nothing going on at the BWC Office. Nobody is ever there anymore and the BWC no longer holds any meetings.

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Black Panther Party (KBPP), its members,  
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- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 27, 1973

On Tuesday, June 26, 1973, source spoke with HERB JONES. JONES indicated he is fed up with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), and is thinking of leaving the Party. At the present time, according to JONES, there is very little activity in the party. As a result of this conversation with JONES, source gained the impression that HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON are not getting along very well. Apparently there is much jealousy that exists between the two.

On Monday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 26, 1973, source spoke with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) office. The BWC is not doing very much at the present time. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has indicated that he would like to establish a program in the BWC whereby the BWC would get summer jobs for children.

Word is out that BILL ALLISON is trying to get in touch with BEN SIMMONS. ALLSION has put the word out that he wants to see SIMMONS about something that is "urgent".

Another attorney in town, ALLEN LEIVERMAN (phonetic), had tried to get in touch with BEN SIMMONS about two weeks ago regarding a civil suit against the State of Kentucky. The suit involves an individual named GREEN who died in the county jail. Apparently BEN SIMMONS had visited GREEN in the jail and observed something or was told something which the plaintiff feels would help them in their case. LEIVERMAN, however, was not able to contact SIMMONS.

SOURCE has observed that within the last two or three weeks the KBPP has almost completely deteriorated. There is no activity and no leadership within the party.

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- 1 - 157-1790 (DICKERSON)

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 26, 1973

There is no activity within the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), at all. The party membership is down and the party has no money. The party is still four months behind in its rent and the prospects for the party coming up with the money with which to pay the rent seem dim.

The only party activity going on at the present time is the picketing of McCrory's Drug Store at the Algonquin Shopping Center. Usually two or three members of the BWC at a time picket the drug store. On occasion the source has observed ROOSEVELT ROBERT, DOROTHY ROBERTS, BRENDA (ALLEN), JAMES CHANDLER, LINDA CHANDLER, and WOODROW ROBERTS all taking turns picketing the store. Source has also observed VANITA TINKER and her husband at the store picketing.

About one and one-half to two months ago there was a big turnover within the BWC as a result of MOSE RAPIER and his followers being drummed out of the BWC. However, since that time most of the people who came into the BWC have left the BWC. At the present time there are only about ten members of the BWC left.

On Saturday, June 23, 1973, MOSE RAPIER and his wife went into McCrory's Drug Store by crossing the BWC picket. BWC members asked RAPIER not to go into the store, however, he disregarded their pleas and went in anyway.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has advised individuals who have filed complaints with the BWC regarding problems at their places of employment that they would have to wait four or five months before any action can be taken by the BWC. As far as source knows ROBERTS did not give these individuals any reason as to why they must wait this length of time.

The BWC no longer holds Sunday community meetings. The last several that the BWC did hold were so poorly attended and worthless that the BWC decided to forego the meetings.

There is no one manning the BWC office on a daily basis any more. On occasion ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and ROGER DICKERSON

will drop by the office during the day for short periods of time. Sometimes one or more of the female members of the BWC will stop by, but again only for five or ten minutes.

ROGER DICKERSON, when he is at the BWC office, still carries a tape recorder with him. However, DICKERSON does not carry any weapons any more.

There have been no Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members by the BWC office for at least two weeks. It appears that the budding relationship between the KBPP and the BWC is all over.

In source's opinion the "bottom is ready to fall out from under the BWC." It is source's opinion that by the end of this summer the BWC will be out of existence.



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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 25, 1973

Source has been talking to CAROLLE MORRIS almost on a daily basis. According to MORRIS, there is nothing happening at the present time within the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). Source gained the impression from CAROLLE MORRIS that MORRIS has lost most of her interest in the KBPP.

In conversation with MIKE CLARKSON, CLARKSON has indicated that he is going to "lay low" for the present time because the "pigs" have been harassing him. CLARKSON did not go into any further details regarding this so called harassment.

CLARKSON has indicated that he has not been by the office for several weeks and that he is thinking of leaving Louisville and going to New York. On occasions when CLARKSON has been observed, he has been dressed in a very clean fashion rather than dressed in his blue jeans. Source gained the impression that CLARKSON dressed in a clean fashion on purpose in order to avoid being thought of as a party member.

Conversation with HERB JONES indicated that JONES is thinking of leaving the party. JONES indicated that he is tired of being a Panther and wants to make some money.

JONES was observed on Saturday night, June 23, 1973, at which time JONES had a large roll of money on his person. Source estimates that JONES had well over one hundred dollars on him.

Also on Saturday night, June 23, 1973, there was a lot of activity observed on the front porch of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). There was a large number of blacks on SCEF's porch talking and having a good time. No members of SCEF were observed in this group. The only individual whom source recognized was HERB JONES.

On Sunday, June 27, 1973, at approximately 4:00 PM, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was engaged in a conversation at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. There were only two or three

other people present on this occasion. Source does not know whether or not the BWC had a meeting. If the BWC did have a meeting, it ended rather early.

On this occasion, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that the BWC is going to concentrate on getting summer jobs for neighborhood children during the summer months. ROBERTS indicated that this would be the main program for the BWC.

In conversation with HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON, both JONES and CLARKSON have indicated that they do not like RICK OLIVER because it is their belief that when RICK OLIVER was active within the KBPP, OLIVER sent secret reports to BERNICE JONES in New York regarding other KBPP members. Both JONES and CLARKSON resented this and indicated that BERNICE JONES had attempted to get other members of the KBPP to perform this function, however, other members refused, and OLIVER was the only KBPP member who was willing and who, in fact, did write these secret reports.

JONES and CLARKSON also indicated that they are "down on" G.T. ALEXANDER because while G.T. ALEXANDER was associated with the KBPP, he misappropriated party funds to his own use. Both JONES and CLARKSON indicated that they do not want G.T. ALEXANDER to come back into the party.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 20, 1973

On Wednesday, June 20, 1973, ROGER DICKERSON was observed bringing a television set into the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. This act by DICKERSON represents the most activity that has gone on at the BWC Office for about two weeks. There is nothing going on at the office, and very few people are ever at the office anymore. BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) (ALLEN) is usually the only one at the office during the day and there is usually no one at the office during the night.

BWC members still continue to picket McCrory's Drug Store at the Algonquin Shopping Center; however, the picketing usually consists of no more than three individuals at one time and sometimes only one BWC member picketing the store.

The BWC still claims that the manager of McCrory's attempted to get LINDA CHANDLER to go to bed with him. Source is of the opinion that this is a lie and that the BWC is merely claiming this in order to attempt to get money from McCrory. LINDA CHANDLER has been by the BWC Office lately and apparently has become a member of the BWC.

The BWC is in very bad financial shape. It is four months behind in its rent.

On Friday, June 8, 1973, about twenty-five young children picketed the BWC Office. They carried signs protesting the fact that the woman who lives above the BWC's office, believed to be (First Name Unknown) McKINNEY, has to pay the BWC \$125.00 per month, despite the fact that she is on welfare. Some of the signs also demanded to know of the BWC what they have been doing with the free chicken tickets which are supposed to be distributed to children but which are, in fact, kept by BWC members. Other signs accused ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of being a pimp, a black NIXON and of being irrelevant to the black people. Most of these signs were made by the children themselves.

MOSE RAPIER, BOB CUNNINGHAM and RON SLAUGHTER have not been by the BWC Office at all. All three have completely disassociated themselves from the BWC.

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The BWC's Sunday meetings used to be attended very well and the office would be filled with people. This generally meant that there were between fifty to sixty people at the office. However, for the last four Sundays, the BWC's meetings have been attended by not more than ten people.

At the present time there is a lot of anti-BWC sentiment in the neighborhood, especially since the BWC has not done anything for the neighborhood children with regard to getting them jobs as the BWC had promised to do.

The BWC and the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) have apparently decided not to form any type of working relationship. No one from the KBPP comes by the BWC any more and BWC members speak very critically of the KBPP and of its members.

It is source's opinion that the BWC will probably fold before the end of the summer due to lack of members and due to lack of money.

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On Friday evening, June 15, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY and MIKE CLARKSON rode around for about three or four hours surveilling pushers. It is CLARKSON's idea that he would still like to move on some pushers.

On Saturday, June 16, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON went to Eddyville with approximately twenty-five people in the Plymouth Settlement House bus. They left at approximately 8:00 AM and returned at approximately 6:00 PM. It is not known whether or not CLARKSON collected any money as a result of this trip.

After returning from Eddyville, CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY again rode around for several hours surveilling pushers.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, he has not received any word from BEN SIMMONS. It is CLARKSON's belief that SIMMONS, however, is in New York. CLARKSON indicated that he would call sometime this week in order to find out what SIMMONS is doing and what is going on generally in New York.

With regard to MIKE CLARKSON's activities, other than surveilling pushers at night with BRUCE CONWAY, he is doing no party work. During the day he stays home and drinks beer and sometimes goes out in order to shoot some pool at the pool hall on 18th Street near Broadway.

HERB JONES is doing no party work at all. He is spending most of his time at the track. However, JONES has claimed that he had attempted to get some office furniture from a church for the party.

There has been no activity at the party's office on West Broadway.

JUDI SIMMONS is back in town, however, it is not known when she returned. At the present time she is staying at the apartment on Brook Street. In all probability, if and when BEN SIMMONS returns to Louisville, she will move out of the apartment. There is hardly any furniture left in the apartment. Most of it has been repossessed.



MIKE CLARKSON has expressed dissatisfaction with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) because the BWC refuses to aid the party with regard to the party's soul patrol program. CLARKSON is also critical of the BWC because it continues to picket the McCrory Drug Store at Algonquin Shopping Center. CLARKSON has stated that what the BWC should have done was to give the store an ultimatum and if the ultimatum was not met, the BWC should have moved on the store. The relationship between the BWC and the KBPP is very poor at the present time, and source speculates that it will not improve. There is a great deal of jealousy between the two organizations and very little hope that the two can ever work together successfully.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 15, 1973

On Tuesday evening, June 12, 1973, CAROLLE MORRIS was engaged in a conversation. On this occasion MORRIS advised that it is her opinion that BEN SIMMONS is going crazy. MORRIS indicated that BEN SIMMONS is currently out of town and that he is supposed to have gone to New York. CAROLLE MORRIS indicated that although SIMMONS is supposed to be in New York, she would not be surprised to discover that he is in Florida, inasmuch as he had expressed a desire to travel to Florida to take a rest.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1973, BILL ALLISON was engaged in conversation and stated that it is ALLISON's impression that the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is "still messing with" the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). ALLISON claims that party members are still threatening and harassing SCEF members. ALLISON advised that he would kill any member of the KBPP who came to his house and threatened either him or any member of his family or in any way threatened to destroy his house or any other property of his.

On Thursday, June 14, 1973, source visited the KBPP Office. The office is still in disrepair and apparently no effort has been made by anyone to clean it up. There was no activity at the office. According to HERB JONES, there is supposed to be a meeting at the office on Friday, June 15, 1973. However, unless someone cleans the office up prior to that time, there will not be a meeting held there simply because it is too messy.

On Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14, 1973, source stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. On Wednesday, source spoke with ROGER DICKERSON. DICKERSON was very critical of the KBPP and of HERB JONES. According to DICKERSON, JONES on several occasions while at the BWC Office has mouthed off that he (JONES) is the best qualified person to run the KBPP and should be the head of the KBPP. DICKERSON stated that he is not interested in the internal difficulties of the KBPP and would prefer that JONES keep the KBPP problems to himself.

On Thursday, June 14, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that the KBPP is not running well at the present time due to internal conflicts. ROBERTS stated that he feels that the KBPP will completely break up in the near future. ROBERTS indicated that it is his opinion that the BWC will take the place of the KBPP in the black community, meaning that the BWC will have the entire support of the black community rather than having to share it with the KBPP.

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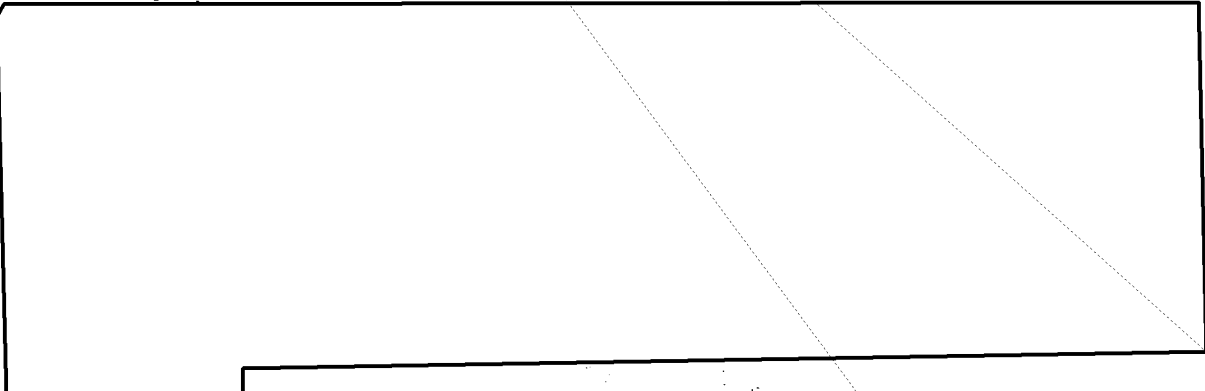
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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 8, 1973

On Wednesday, June 6, 1973, HERB JONES indicated that the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) will make a move on the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). JONES did not indicate what type of move would be made or when the move would be made.


There was no KBPP activity at the office on Wednesday. Source, in addition to stopping by the KBPP Office, stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office on Wednesday morning, however, there was no activity at that office either.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1973, BILL ALLISON was engaged in conversation at which time he spoke about BEN SIMMONS. ALLISON indicated that he (ALLISON) was responsible



On Thursday, June 7, 1973, BEN SIMMONS was observed on Fourth Street, and at that time was engaged in conversation. SIMMONS, at the time he was observed (approximately 4:30 PM), was in a 1965 or 1966 Chevrolet bearing 1973 Kentucky tags J29-145 (registered to a THEO SIMMONS, 1776 Wilson Avenue, for a 1966 Chevrolet sedan). On this occasion, SIMMONS was being driven by an unknown Negro male who apparently is CAROLLE MORRIS' boy friend.

On this occasion, BEN SIMMONS related in conversation that he is very angry with BILL ALLISON and feels that BILL ALLISON was responsible



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According to BEN SIMMONS he plans to leave the Louisville, Kentucky area to travel to New York sometime on Thursday. SIMMONS indicated that he was going to New York and when he returned he is going to bring GERONIMO back with him.

SIMMONS indicated that the party had made several moves on SCEF. SIMMONS indicated that on one occasion they (the party) stole five typewriters from SCEF and on another occasion, the party burned a car belonging to SCEF. SIMMONS indicated that he would like to make a move on SCEF prior to leaving for New York. SIMMONS also stated that as a result of the various moves that the party has made on SCEF, SCEF has taken several security measures, such as putting bars on their windows.

SIMMONS stated that he has been disappointed in some of the party members, notably G.T. ALEXANDER, who turned out, according to SIMMONS, to be merely stringing the party along. SIMMONS indicated that G.T. ALEXANDER had been expelled from the party. SIMMONS also indicated that HERB JONES has been very shaky lately, and it is SIMMONS' belief that JONES has lost all of his nerve. SIMMONS stated that he has advised New York about JONES' lack of nerve, and it is SIMMONS' opinion that JONES will probably be reprimanded in some fashion by national leadership.

SIMMONS seemed very tense during this conversation and very unstable.

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On June 14, 1973, a representative of Latkins Realty Company, Louisville, Kentucky, appeared at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office, 1529 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, and placed an eviction notice on the door thereof, allowing the KBPP fifteen (15) days to vacate the premises. Located inside the KBPP Office are several pieces of furniture and other items owned by the KBPP including the "Black Panther Party" sign which formerly hung on the KBPP Office at 824 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

As a result of the recent termination of school in the Louisville, Kentucky, area, the KBPP free breakfast program is no longer in operation. CLARKSON has discussed the possibility of establishing a free lunch program for children in the summer months to be replaced in the fall with the continuation of the free breakfast program.

BEN SIMMONS has recently left the Louisville, Kentucky, area for New York, New York, according to MIKE CLARKSON, current leader of the KBPP. CLARKSON reportedly is no longer residing at 513 South Twenty-First Street, Louisville, Kentucky, according to CLARKSON's "mother-in-law", DOSIE GRESHAM who is the mother of CLARKSON's common law spouse, PAT GRESHAM.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) staged a small demonstration in front of McCroy's Department Store, 544 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky, during the weekend of June 9-10, 1973, in protest over the recent firing of a negro female from the above mentioned store. ROBERTS did not indicate how many persons participated in the above mentioned demonstration.

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# Black Workers Continue Picketing McCrory's; No Agreement Reached

By Susan Brown  
Defender News Editor

The Black Workers Coalition is picketing the McCrory store located in Algonquin Manor Shopping Center in a continuation of a protest begun by the group late last week.

The organization is protesting the firing of a Black employee, Ms. Linda Chandler, from the store by manager Robert Lee. Reportedly, the group met twice with Lee in an effort to reach a satisfactory solution to the issue, but with no results. The organization began picketing the store last Friday night.

In a further attempt to settle the dispute, members of the Black Workers Coalition met with McCrory Vice-President Darmouth White who flew into Louisville Monday. However, according to members of the Coalition no agreement was reached concerning the rehiring of Ms. Chandler with allowances for back pay, and members of the group

resumed picketing the store Tuesday morning. White could not be reached for comment.

At press time, the Defender was informed that another meeting was to take place between the Coalition and McCrory representatives on Tuesday afternoon.

The Black Workers Coalition alleges that Ms. Chandler was fired from her position at the store as a result of her failure to respond to personal advances made to her by Lee on two separate occasions. After being contacted by the Defender, Lee

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siad that he had no statement to make concerning the charges of the Black Workers Coalition against him.

Ms. Chandler could not be

reached for comment.

According to Brenda Allen, a member of the organization, the Coalition will continue to picket McCrory's until all of their demands have been met by the store. However, the

Coalition is not making its demands public at this time.

The Black Workers Coalition said in a prepared statement last Friday, "Due to the inhuman treatments that the McCrory five and ten cent store, located in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center used in the firing of Linda Chandler, the Black Workers Coalition and Black community must refrain from patronizing the store."

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## 2 policemen, city are sued by woman

A Louisville woman yesterday filed suit in Jefferson Circuit Court against the city of Louisville and two of its police officers, claiming that they caused her to lose an eye and seeking \$1 million in damages.

Phyllis Smith, 34, of 3226 DuValle Drive, alleges that S. Garland Haines, 4115 Eden Lane, and Edwin F. Winn, 1109 Oneida Ave., both Louisville policemen, committed assault and battery upon her during an arrest last Aug. 7, and that as a result she lost her left eye and suffered other injuries.

The suit, which was assigned to Judge Michael M. Hellmann, demands compensation of \$500,000 and punitive damages of \$500,000.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 13, 1973

On Monday, June 11, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY rode around from approximately 8:00 PM until midnight. They travelled around 21st and Walnut and all throughout the East End. The purpose of their travel was to surveil pushers. MIKE CLARKSON is very anxious to move on pushers in the near future. In addition to moving on pushers, CLARKSON has stated that he wants to shake down a few junkies in order to obtain the names of more pushers who will then be targets for moves by the party.

CLARKSON has stated that he does not want to make any more radio or television appearances because he "wants to work on a different level". CLARKSON stated that he does not want as much publicity or exposure as he has had in the past due to the fact that the moves that he plans to make in the future, combined with publicity, would put him in danger from retaliation by the pushers.

On June 12, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY resumed their activities at approximately noon. They went to 1227 South 28th Street, which is the campaign office for PETE COSBY. CLARKSON wanted to talk to COSBY, however, COSBY was not there. CLARKSON is hopeful that he can obtain money from PETE COSBY for the party's soul patrol program.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES has not been active at all within the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) because JONES has been at the track every day. JONES prides himself on being able to pick winners at the track and according to CLARKSON, JONES claims that he has won over one thousand dollars. Also according to CLARKSON, on Saturday, June 9, 1973, CLARKSON saw JONES and at that time JONES had over \$1,600.00 on his person. According to MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES is being very quiet about the money that he has won.

On Tuesday evening, CONWAY and CLARKSON again rode around surveilling pushers. CLARKSON has indicated that he has a contact who works for the railroad company and this

contact will inform CLARKSON regarding the movement of guns, ammunition and grenades on a railroad box car to Fort Knox. According to CLARKSON, such a shipment is delivered to Fort Knox once each month. CLARKSON is under the impression that this box car usually stops somewhere around 31st and Chestnut and on such an occasion, this box car would be very vulnerable to a hit. CLARKSON stated that he plans to hit this box car upon being informed by his source that it is coming to Louisville.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1973, CLARKSON and CONWAY again resumed their surveillance activities at approximately 6:00 PM. CLARKSON seems mainly interested in the area around 21st and Walnut because CLARKSON claims to know a lot of the pushers in that area. CLARKSON has been inquiring whether or not the planes at Bowman Field could make a trip to Africa. Apparently CLARKSON feels that due to some of his activities that he plans in the near future, he may need to have access to a plane which would be capable of making it to Africa.

The party has had no word from BEN SIMMONS. According to MIKE CLARKSON, SIMMONS is definitely in New York. CLARKSON, however, is not sure when SIMMONS left for New York although CLARKSON does seem to be sure that SIMMONS did travel by bus.

With regard to BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) (CAROLLE MORRIS' boy friend), according to MIKE CLARKSON, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) was in the Army and served in Vietnam where he was wounded. Apparently he was not treated properly and got some type of infection which has resulted in permanent internal injuries. According to CLARKSON, the doctors give BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) three years more to live.

CLARKSON has also intimated that BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) has spent some time in Eddyville and upon getting out of Eddyville, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) apparently pushed some drugs. As a result of pushing these drugs, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) became indebted to the pushers for seven hundred dollars which he still owes the pushers. Apparently BUTCH (Last Name Unknown's) activities with regard to his pushing drugs have indebted him to the pushers and this is one reason why he is so anxious to participate in moves against the pushers with party members.

MIKE CLARKSON has stated that he is not sure whether or not the party will have a bussing program on Saturday, June 16, 1973.

Apparently the owner of the Pussy Cat Wig Boutique and LEO LESSER have decided that they will not contribute any money nor will they co-sign for the party with respect to the party's purchase of a van or truck for the soul patrol program. Because of this, CLARKSON has stated that he will now concentrate on PETE COSBY in the hopes of getting COSBY to support the soul patrol program.

MIKE CLARKSON has been very critical recently of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. CLARKSON does not feel that ROBERTS is doing a good job with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). CLARKSON is of the opinion that ROBERTS is only interested in ripping off all of the female members in the BWC. On recent occasion, CLARKSON told ROBERTS that he felt ROBERTS was doing a poor job and was vamping on the female members of the BWC and ROBERTS and CLARKSON became involved in an argument.

CLARKSON and ROBERTS have also argued regarding the BWC's picketing of Mc Crory's Drug Store in the Algonquin Shopping Center. CLARKSON told ROBERTS that since the BWC now has weapons that they should have confronted the manager of McCrory's rather than merely picket McCrory's. CLARKSON told ROBERTS that since the BWC apparently does not know how to use the weapons that "someone should take them from you". As a result of these differences between ROBERTS and CLARKSON, the KBPP and the BWC have drifted apart.

Recently one of the BWC members, ROGER (Last Name Unknown) (DICKERSON), had a carbine in the back seat of his car and someone ripped it off. Due to the statement made by CLARKSON to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS that someone should take the BWC's weapons from them inasmuch as they do not know how to use them, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS now thinks that MIKE CLARKSON is responsible for the theft of that weapon from ROGER (Last Name Unknown), however, MIKE CLARKSON did not steal the weapon although CLARKSON stated that he wished that he had.

MIKE CLARKSON recently expressed the opinion that G.T. ALEXANDER and RICK OLIVER are probably together "somewhere up north".



PAT GRESHAM has been hired at Ford. She started working Monday, June 11, 1973, at the Ford Plant on Westport Road in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 15, 1973

No information has been recently developed indicating any activity in Louisville, Kentucky, on the part of the Association of Communist Workers. Similarly, no recent activities on the part of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, (SCEF), or the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), has been developed. MICHAEL CLARKSON, leader in the Kentucky Black Panther Party, has said that he is going to support PETER COSBY as an independent candidate in the upcoming election for mayor in Louisville, Kentucky. PETER COSBY is sufficiently well known to believe that he is not going to affiliate with the KBPP, will accept the KBPP's help in that he needs all the help he can get in order to make a showing in the upcoming race for mayor.

Regarding the Black Workers Coalition's (BWC), previous efforts to have TV stations in Louisville, Kentucky, hire a black news director, the only further information developed in this respect is that on June 11, 1973, DAVID ALEXANDER, who currently under the name of "Little DAVID" sings gospel music on radio station WLOU in Louisville, Kentucky, appeared at TV station WLKY, Louisville, Kentucky, requesting employment of any type in the news field. ALEXANDER commented that he had the support of the BWC in seeking this employment. WLKY-TV turned ALEXANDER down, explaining to him that he had no background in news gathering, that his entire background was in singing gospel songs. ALEXANDER on the surface accepted the declination and did not indicate the refusal to hire him would result in any difficulty for WLKY-TV.

On June 8, 1973, it was noted that there was some picketing activity occurring in front of the BWC office at 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville. The group doing the picketing was small and consisted of mostly very young black individuals. A woman at the scene advised that the picketing was in support of her, explaining that she rented the apartment over the BWC office at 2300 West Oak Street for \$125 per month. She said the apartment was in a run-down condition and the BWC has declined her repeated requests to improve the condition of the apartment. Accordingly, she has declined to pay the rent and the BWC has threatened to have her evicted. The woman mentioned she has nine children and is on Aid for Dependent Children benefits.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 11, 1973

On Saturday, June 9, 1973, at approximately 9:00 PM, source was in telephonic contact with BEN SIMMONS. On this occasion, SIMMONS indicated that he was going to leave Louisville for New York. Source gained the impression that SIMMONS anticipated leaving for New York on Sunday morning, June 10, 1973. SIMMONS indicated that he was going to New York and would not stay for a very long time and would return with GERONIMO (GARY GAYNOR) and another brother.

On Sunday, June 10, 1973, source engaged ROGER DICKERSON in a conversation at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, at approximately 4:00 PM. DICKERSON indicated that he is generally dissatisfied with the leadership of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. An unknown male member of the BWC was also present on this occasion, and he also expressed dissatisfaction with the leadership abilities of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. The only people present at the BWC Office on this occasion were two or three black females inside the office and a few children standing and talking outside of the office. If the BWC had held a community meeting that day, the meeting was no longer in process and must have broken up rather early. DICKERSON did not indicate whether or not the BWC had held a meeting.

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On June 8, 1973, Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised re the possibility of a demonstration being held at the Black Workers Coalition Office on 6/8/73.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 8, 1973

Neighborhood children from in and around 23rd and Oak Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, who were once affiliated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) youth program, have decided to picket the BWC Office on Friday, June 8, 1973, at 2:00 PM. These former members of the BWC's youth group are picketing because they are dissatisfied with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and feel that they have been used by the BWC.

MOSE RAPIER plans to furnish the youths with some signs protesting the BWC's treatment of the youths and asking for ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' resignation.

BOB CUNNINGHAM supposedly has contacted the press and arranged for press coverage of the demonstration.

ROGER DICKERSON has been observed on Friday, June 8, 1973, at the BWC. DICKERSON arrived at approximately 9:30 AM, driving a Buick.



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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 6, 1973

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) has been attempting to evict the woman who lives over the BWC Office from her apartment. This woman's name is believed to be (First Name Unknown) McKINNEY. The reason that the BWC is attempting to evict her is due to the fact that this woman apparently sided with MOSE RAPIER in RAPIER's dispute with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and now that RAPIER has been ousted, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS wants to get rid of McKINNEY.

On Tuesday evening, June 5, 1973, two plain-clothes policemen were in the neighborhood of the BWC, attempting to locate ROGER DICKERSON.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and several other members of the BWC were at McCrory's Drug Store in the Algonquin Shopping Center. ROBERTS went into the store and had an altercation with the manager. ROBERTS swore at the manager in front of some customers and caused a mild disturbance.

Some of the neighborhood youths who do not like ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the way the BWC is going at the present time have decided that they will picket the BWC Office on Friday, June 8, 1973, at 2:00 PM. The reason that they will picket the BWC is due to the fact that they do not like ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and they feel that they have been used by the BWC. The youths feel that they have contributed much to the BWC but have received very little in return. The youths have begun to refer to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS as "The Black NIXON".

On Wednesday, June 6, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES stopped by the BWC Office in order to apologize to the youths for not being able to take the youths on a tour through the Jefferson County Jail as CLARKSON and JONES had promised they would.

The source has learned that ROGER DICKERSON resides at 652 South 40th Street, Louisville, and is employed at General Electric on the second shift.

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On Monday, June 4, 1973, ROGER DICKERSON had a rifle in the back seat of his car. On this occasion, DICKERSON was driving a 1973 black and white Maverick. Someone broke into the car and stole the rifle from the back seat.

MIKE CLARKSON arrived at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office shortly after this incident happened in order to take photographs of the car. It is not known what use CLARKSON will make of these photographs.

VANITA TINKER, believing that some of the neighborhood youths were responsible for the break-in of DICKERSON's car, confronted several of them and accused them of this. They became involved in a heated argument, and VANITA TINKER feared that they would injure her so she made several telephone calls to male members of the BWC in order to advise them that there were several teenagers at the office, and she feared that she might receive bodily injury.

Shortly after she made these telephone calls, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS arrived at the office, as well as the new BWC member who drives the Pinto and another new BWC member who drives a gray Malibu. The individual in the gray Malibu arrived at the office and indicated that he had a rifle in his trunk of his car.

With regard to this individual who drives the gray Malibu, he was one of the individuals who was involved in the incident at the bar on Dumesnil, from which evolved a complaint against the police on charges of police brutality. Source does not know if he was one of the individuals who claimed injury as a result of this injury or if he was merely a witness to the incident.

On Monday, June 4, 1973, BRENDA (ALLEN) took four or five children between the ages of ten and twelve to McCrory's at the Algonquin Shopping Center. She was joined there by WOODROW ROBERTS, JAMES CHANDLER, GLORIA (SHARKS), REGGIE ROBERTS (ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' youngest brother), and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. These individuals then picketed McCrory's. On several occasions ROOSEVELT ROBERTS went inside McCrory's and attempted to convince shoppers there to leave the store.

Also on Monday, June 4, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, believing that a teenager named KEITH CRUTCHER (Phonetic), who lives in the neighborhood of the office, was responsible for breaking into ROGER DICKERSON's automobile and stealing DICKERSON's rifle, grabbed CRUTCHER and tried to get him to tell what he had done with the rifle. CRUTCHER denied having taken the rifle and denied having any knowledge of the incident. CRUTCHER then apparently went home and told his grandfather what ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had done to him. CRUTCHER's grandfather then arrived at the BWC Office with a gun and threatened to kill ROOSEVELT ROBERTS if he ever attempted to mistreat his grandson again.

With regard to the theft of ROGER DICKERSON's rifle, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS called the Louisville Police Department that day and advised them of the theft. The police arrived at the BWC Office and conducted an investigation regarding the theft.

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**BLACK PANTHER PARTY (KBPP), ITS MEMBERS**

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Louisville, Kentucky  
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On Monday evening, June 4, 1973, HERB JONES was at the poolroom on 18th Street. On this occasion, JONES mentioned that activity within the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is very slow at the present time. One of the reasons JONES mentioned for the inactivity is due to the fact that the KBPP's office was damaged by rain, and the KBPP cannot use the office at the present time.

JONES indicated that he hopes to get some literature out in the near future regarding the incarceration of BEN SIMMONS. JONES is of the opinion that this has some real propaganda value and JONES wants to exploit it.

On Tuesday, June 5, 1973, ROGER DICKERSON was at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office between 1:00 and 2:00 PM. On this occasion, DICKERSON stated that he does not like the way the KBPP "split" from the BWC after the KBPP "came on real strong with the BWC". DICKERSON is of the opinion that the KBPP is attempting to use the BWC. DICKERSON pointed out that KBPP members have been coming around to use the BWC's mimeograph machine and really doing nothing to help the BWC. DICKERSON also stated that despite the fact that KBPP members have been at the BWC Office often for the last several weeks, the relationship between the BWC and the KBPP remains cool.

DICKERSON was very critical of HERB JONES, stating that in his opinion, JONES is a blow-hard and all his talk amounts to absolutely nothing.



## Cosby begins mayoral quest as independent

Walter T (Pete) Cosby, independent candidate for mayor, held a joint press conference yesterday with leaders of the local Black Panther Party and 11th Ward Alderman Henry Owens III to begin his fall campaign.

Cosby exchanged vows of support with local Black Panther Chairman Michael Clarkson and said he plans to form a slate of independent candidates this summer and hopes to have Owens on it. Owens, a Democrat, lost in his bid for renomination in last week's primary election. He declined to talk about his plans.

Among his first efforts, Cosby said, will be attempts to help find jobs for "200 of our promising young blacks for part-time work for the hot summer."

Throughout the press conference, Cosby made frequent references to the possibility of racial violence, mentioning widespread possession of guns and potential "underground" violence and "guerrilla warfare" by blacks who had served in Vietnam. He said his references were not threats of violence, but rather comments indicating the need to pay attention to black problems.

He also said he supports the Black Workers Coalition's picketing and boycotting of a store in the Algonquin Manor Shopping Center over the firing of a black woman. Cosby said he supports the coalition's "efforts to protect black womanhood" and "break down white rule" in the center.

Clarkson said his organization hopes to register 50,000 new voters in Cosby's behalf and said that, through Cosby's candidacy, "black people are going to get some political power this time."

Cosby said his headquarters for the campaign and summer job effort will be in the Parkland Masonic Lodge at 28th and Dumesnil streets, where the press conference was held.

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DATE: 6/13/73

FROM : Supervisor ROBERT E. PETERS

SUBJECT: BLACK WORKERS COALITION  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
June 4, 1973

On Monday, May 28, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) were supposed to take some of the children who participate in the Black Workers Coalition Youth Group on a tour through the County Jail. CLARKSON and JONES were supposed to meet the children at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office at 3:30 PM; however, they never showed up and the tour was not conducted.

MIKE CLARKSON is often at the BWC Office inasmuch as he uses the BWC's mimeograph machine.

Despite the fact that KBPP members are at the BWC Office quite often, the relationship between the KBPP and the BWC is still rather cool. It is source's opinion that there is still much jealousy between the two organizations and between members of the two groups.

On Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3, 1973, the BWC picketed McCrory's at the Algonquin Shopping Center. The BWC picketed McCrory's in protest of the firing of LINDA CHANDLER who is JAMES CHANDLER's daughter. As reported previously by source, LINDA CHANDLER had been fired from her job at McCrory's, however, through the efforts of MOSE RAPIER and BOB CUNNINGHAM, the manager at McCrory's had agreed to take her back. *picket*

However, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS convinced JAMES CHANDLER not to allow his daughter, LINDA CHANDLER, to return to work. It was ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' argument that the BWC would be able to make an issue out of the fact that LINDA CHANDLER had been fired and perhaps get some money from McCrory's.

The BWC has lost quite a few members. Many members simply do not like ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. The BWC meetings are not well attended anymore and those who do attend the meetings are usually new people. There has been a very big turn-over within the BWC within the last month and a half.

ROGER DICKERSON is at the BWC Office every day. DICKERSON has not been observed carrying weapons recently, however, he still talks in a very militant fashion.

Last week, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS went to RON SLAUGHTER's home and attempted to get RON SLAUGHTER and MOSE RAPIER to come back into the BWC. ROBERTS desires that SLAUGHTER and RAPIER return to the BWC because both SLAUGHTER and RAPIER were very successful in their fund raising efforts for the BWC. SLAUGHTER, however, refused to return to the BWC and stated that RAPIER will not return to the BWC until ROOSEVELT ROBERTS resigns as head of the BWC.

The BWC continues to be in very bad financial straits and at the present time there is no steady source of income to the BWC.

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On Friday, June 1, 1973, there was no meeting at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office despite the fact that one had been scheduled at 6:00 PM. The KBPP Office is a mess. There are papers all over, the furniture is turned over, the walls are peeling and the ceiling has fallen down. This damage was caused by last week's rain.

On Saturday, June 2, 1973, HERB JONES stated that he had an argument with BERNICE JONES. HERB JONES hinted that the argument was over the fact that JONES wants to be formally named as leader of the KBPP, however, BERNICE JONES will not do this and HERB JONES is upset about it. JONES indicated on this occasion that the KBPP would hold a meeting on Sunday at 6:00 PM at the office.

On Sunday, June 3, 1973, the KBPP Office was closed, and no one was at the meeting. One individual showed up whom source did not recognize. Source believes that this individual is not a member of the KBPP but had merely stopped by to attend the meeting.

On Sunday, June 3, 1973, source spoke with ROGER DICKERSON at the office of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). DICKERSON had earlier attended the BWC's community meeting and indicated that there was not much happening. DICKERSON advised that the main thrust of the BWC this summer will be to do something regarding police brutality in the black community. DICKERSON also indicated that the BWC had picketed McCrory's Drug Store at Algonquin Shopping Center because one BWC member's daughter had been fired at McCrory's. DICKERSON indicated that the turn-out at the demonstration was much less than the BWC had hoped for. He stated at the present time the BWC membership is down but the BWC has hopes that the membership will pick up during the summer months.



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June 4, 1973

There was no activity with regard to the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) on Wednesday, May 30, 1973.

On Thursday, May 31, 1973, TONY MOORE and KEITH FANT indicated that since there is not much party activity going on at the present time, they are going to attempt to get a job at the Yellow Cab Company. For the last couple of weeks, both MOORE and FANT have been having difficulties with HERB JONES. For some reason, JONES has been riding MOORE and FANT pretty hard and at times they have come close to exchanging blows.

There was no KBPP meeting on Thursday, May 31, 1973. There has not been any activity at the KBPP Office since the hard rains last weekend, due to the fact that the office was severely damaged by the rains.

HERB JONES has not been doing very much with regard to the party for the last week. He has been staying at his parents' home most of the day, sitting around doing nothing.

MIKE CLARKSON has been spending his time at the pool hall on 18th Street and at BEN SIMMONS' apartment on Brook Street.

BEN SIMMONS is currently staying at his apartment on Brook Street in view of the fact that JUDI SIMMONS is not staying there. JUDI SIMMONS had been staying at her mother's home in Middletown, Kentucky, however, at the present time, JUDI SIMMONS is somewhere in North Carolina with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). According to BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS is at a trial in North Carolina on behalf of SCEF. BEN SIMMONS did not know exactly where the trial was being held, however, BEN SIMMONS indicated that the trial is in the town or city where BEN CHAVIS lives.

In addition to JUDI SIMMONS, CARL and ANNE BRADEN and MIKE WELCH are also attending this trial.

BEN SIMMONS indicated that one of the reasons JUDI SIMMONS probably went to North Carolina was to get away from him (BEN SIMMONS). BEN SIMMONS indicated that last week BEN SIMMONS called JUDI SIMMONS on the telephone and told her that he was going to kill her. BEN SIMMONS seems to think that this had something to do with JUDI SIMMONS' going to North Carolina.

In addition to this, BEN SIMMONS indicated that there are rumors to the effect that JUDI SIMMONS and BEN CHAVIS are romantically involved, and thus, JUDI SIMMONS was anxious to go to North Carolina in order to see CHAVIS.

Sometime last week, BEN SIMMONS got a telephone call from BERNICE JONES inquiring of BEN SIMMONS whether or not there was any truth to the fact that JUDI SIMMONS and BEN CHAVIS were romantically involved. BERNICE JONES seemed to be quite upset concerning this rumor. BERNICE JONES also questioned BEN SIMMONS concerning his relationship with SCEF. According to BEN SIMMONS, he told BERNICE JONES that he will have nothing more to do with SCEF nor will he have anything more to do with JUDI SIMMONS because she is working with SCEF.

According to BEN SIMMONS, he is supposed to go to New York sometime during the week of June 3-June 9, 1973. BEN SIMMONS indicated that he will probably stay in New York after he arrives there for the remainder of the summer working with the party in New York.

BEN SIMMONS' telephone service was cut off either late Thursday or on Friday, June 1, 1973, because he had failed to pay the telephone bill.

On Thursday, May 31, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON went by the office of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and used the BWC's mimeograph machine to print up some leaflets entitled, "Message to the Hustler". Apparently CLARKSON has been using the BWC's mimeograph machine quite often as of late.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, almost all the members at the BWC are now packing. CLARKSON indicated that he has seen two carbines at the BWC Office on several occasions. According to CLARKSON, the BWC members fear that either someone in the community or perhaps MOSE RAPIER or one of his followers will try to make a move on the BWC Office, and this is the reason they are packing and keeping carbines at the office.

MIKE CLARKSON is packing a .32 revolver most of the time. CLARKSON has indicated that he wants the KBPP to start making some moves. CLARKSON indicated that the KBPP should focus now on pushers, pimps and prostitutes. CLARKSON stated that it is time the KBPP started to regain the confidence of the black community by showing the black community that the KBPP is not all talk. Source speculates that in addition to these reasons, another reason CLARKSON wants to make some moves is that at the present time CLARKSON needs money.

On Friday, June 1, 1973, there was no KBPP activity during the daylight hours. There was no meeting at the KBPP Office despite the fact that there was supposed to be one at 6:00 PM. At approximately 8:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES, PAT GRESHAM, CAROLLE MORRIS and CAROLLE MORRIS' new boyfriend, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown), met at BEN SIMMONS' apartment. This meeting had been arranged by MIKE CLARKSON on Thursday.

With regard to CAROLLE MORRIS' new boyfriend, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown), he appears to be interested in the party, especially on moving against the pushers, however, it is not known whether or not he will become a member of the KBPP. BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) is described as follows:

Negro male, 5'11" tall, 150 pounds, light frame, short hair, light to medium complexion, small goatee, light mustache. BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) has a complexion problem having pock marks on his face. He is approximately 22 years of age.

In conversation with BUTCH (Last Name Unknown), he indicated that he did some time on one or more occasions and apparently the charges had something to do with drugs or with pushers. This is probably the reason why he is interested in making moves on the pushers. BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) drives a 1965 Chevrolet Impala, four-door. On the right rear panel of the car is stenciled, "Randy's Mobile Special".

After meeting at BEN SIMMONS' apartment, these seven individuals then travelled to 28th Street, 18th Street, Algonquin and to Wilson where they distributed the leaflets which MIKE CLARKSON had earlier mimeographed at the BWC Office. There were no incidents on this occasion.

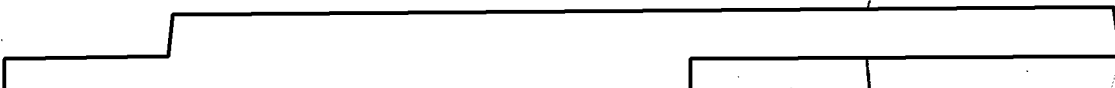
While distributing these leaflets, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) was packing a .38 revolver, BEN SIMMONS a .38 revolver, and MIKE CLARKSON a .32 revolver. They were finished distributing the leaflets at approximately 1:00 AM, when they all returned to BEN SIMMONS' apartment, had a few beers and left. BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) and CAROLLE MORRIS did not leave the apartment, instead they spent the night at BEN SIMMONS' apartment.

On Saturday, June 2, 1973, the KBPP did not hold a bussing program.

MIKE CLARKSON spent the day with BEN SIMMONS at BEN SIMMONS' apartment. BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) also spent most of the day there. According to MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESHAM is supposed to get a job at the Ford Motor Company on Westport Road. She is scheduled to take her physical examination for the job on Monday, June 4, 1973.

At approximately 10:30 PM on Saturday, BEN SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON, BRUCE CONWAY, BUTCH (Last Name Unknown), and CAROLLE MORRIS all met at SIMMONS' apartment. They then rode around for about an hour when BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) and CAROLLE MORRIS left the group and returned to BEN SIMMONS' apartment. SIMMONS, CLARKSON and CONWAY then rode around until approximately 3:00 AM, looking for pushers, pimps and prostitutes and taking notes as to their habits. They did this in anticipation that they will make a move at some future date against one or more of the individuals whom they surveilled that night.

On Sunday, June 3, 1973, the KBPP held its bussing program. One bus went to Eddyville State Penitentiary. CAROLLE MORRIS and BUTCH (Last Name Unknown) went on the bus.



On Saturday, June 2, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition had a demonstration at the Algonquin Shopping Center. On Sunday, June 3, 1973, the BWC again demonstrated at the Algonquin Shopping Center. According to WILLIAM LACEY,

a member of the BWC, there were only about fifteen people at the demonstration on Saturday and only about ten on Sunday. Most of these individuals were not members of the BWC. Most of them were either children or individuals who happened to be at the shopping center when the BWC was picketing and joined in the picketing.

According to CAROLLE MORRIS, RICK OLIVER is not in Louisville. She did not indicate exactly where OLIVER was, however, she did indicate that he is working on a railroad somewhere as a brakeman trainee.

On Sunday, June 3, 1973, HENRI WILLIAMS was engaged in a conversation at Shawnee Park. WILLIAMS indicated that he is planning some new political activity, however, did not go into any detail. WILLIAMS indicated that at the present time he is not involved in any political activity. WILLIAMS used the expression that he is "hibernating" at the present time. WILLIAMS stated that he definitely does not want to ever have a 9:00 to 5:00 job and that he will not let Louisville run him but he plans to run Louisville.

WILLIAMS wanted to know where he could get ten hypodermic needles because he wanted to "draw some blood". WILLIAMS did not elaborate as to why he wanted ten hypodermic needles nor did he elaborate as to what he meant by wanting to draw some blood. WILLIAMS tends to speak in riddles and at times is very difficult to understand. This was one of those occasions.

According to BEN SIMMONS, on Thursday night, May 31, 1973, he set fire to the Valiant owned by SCEF. According to SIMMONS, he had been driving the car earlier that day and had it at his apartment. Sometime late Thursday night, he drove the vehicle to SCEF and parked it behind SCEF where he then poured gasoline on the back seat and lit it up. SIMMONS indicated that he did this to remind SCEF that he still wants revenge against SCEF for SCEF's having placed SIMMONS in a mental institution. SIMMONS also indicated that he wants to remind SCEF that they owe him \$29,000.00. (SIMMONS really does not expect to collect this money or any portion of it, however, he still does talk about it occasionally as if there were a chance that SCEF would come up with some money). SIMMONS also indicated that he intends to perform these "little acts of terrorism", as he calls them, periodically on SCEF simply to remind them that he wants revenge.

The KBPP Office at 15th and Broadway is in a very bad state inasmuch as the ceiling has dropped due to the recent rains. The KBPP still is hopeful of moving its office to 18th and Garland, when and if it can come up with some money. The KBPP still has access to the office at 15th and Broadway despite the fact that they have not paid any rent. However, the office is in such a bad state at the present time, that it is almost impossible to have any meetings there.

The KBPP has not purchased a van or truck yet in which to utilize its "soul program". MIKE CLARKSON is hopeful that sometime this week he will be able to convince the owner of the boutique shop around 18th and Broadway to come up with some money for the van.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the BWC has lost interest in participating along with the KBPP in the "soul patrol" program. According to CLARKSON, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that it would be "a long step" for the BWC to take at the present time, and that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS felt that the BWC members were not ready for something like the "soul patrol" program at the present time.

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Administrative Data:

On May 31, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Auxiliary Unit, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that he has no information concerning HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON's causing a disturbance at the Louisville Police Department on Friday, 5/25/73. Detective KIRKWOOD advised that he will attempt to determine if, in fact, such a disturbance occurred.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 30, 1973

On Friday, May 25, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY picked up BEN SIMMONS at the Central State Hospital, Anchorage, Kentucky, at approximately 10:00 AM. SIMMONS had been released from the hospital earlier that morning.

From the hospital, CONWAY and SIMMONS went to SIMMONS' apartment where they stayed for approximately one hour.

SIMMONS, however, had to call his wife, JUDI SIMMONS, in order to find out where she had hidden the money in the apartment.

The only furniture in the SIMMONS' apartment at the present time is the bedroom furniture. All of the other furniture has been repossessed.

SIMMONS had planned to stay at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office, however, there are no light bulbs in the office so SIMMONS decided that he would look for another place to stay.

CONWAY and SIMMONS left SIMMONS' apartment at approximately 11:00 AM and went to the KBPP Office. However, there were no other KBPP members at the office. They then went to the pool hall on 18th Street and there they met HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON, TONY MOORE and KEITH FANT.

At approximately 2:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS went to CAROLLE MORRIS' house claiming that MORRIS had some books which he wanted to obtain from her. SIMMONS spent the rest of the afternoon with CAROLLE MORRIS.

At approximately 6:00 PM on Friday, HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON went to the Louisville Police Department Headquarters. CLARKSON and JONES had earlier heard that BEN SIMMONS had been arrested and believed this to be true since they had not seen him all day. According to JONES and

CLARKSON, they went to the police department and demanded to see BEN SIMMONS. They did not get any satisfaction and according to them, they were kicked out of the police station at gunpoint.

Upon returning to the KBPP Office, JONES and CLARKSON learned that in fact BEN SIMMONS had not been arrested, but that an individual whose name is not known but who lives above the KBPP Office was the individual who had been arrested.

BEN SIMMONS has stated that he wants to go to Florida for a few weeks and then return to Louisville. Upon returning to Louisville, SIMMONS wants to set up a para-military group. SIMMONS stated that he wants to contact JIM HARDY in Cincinnati in order to determine if HARDY would be interested in participating in such a group.

SIMMONS has mentioned that he still would like to retaliate against SCEF. [REDACTED]

On Friday evening, BEN SIMMONS met with JOHN STARKS and they rode around together. SIMMONS was interested in getting together with STARKS because STARKS always has some marijuana. STARKS and SIMMONS rode around in MARY HOWERTON's 1963 blue Chevrolet. STARKS has broken up with HOWERTON but despite this fact, he apparently still has access to her automobile.

JOHN STARKS has been running around with LARRY TAYLOR lately. According to LARRY TAYLOR, STARKS and TAYLOR plan to go to Chicago soon and take up a permanent residence there. Both JOHN STARKS and LARRY TAYLOR are through with the party.

On Saturday, May 26, 1973, BEN SIMMONS, BRUCE CONWAY, TONY MOORE and KEITH FANT met at LEO LESSER's office at approximately 10:30 AM. From LESSER's office they went to Clay and Lampton Streets and joined the motorcade which left Clay and Lampton at approximately 11:30 AM. Along with these four KBPP members, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and a few other individuals from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) were in the motorcade.

Approximately sixty automobiles were in the motorcade. The motorcade went to Chickasaw Park but nobody was there. They

then continued riding around for awhile and eventually ended back at Chickasaw Park where local candidates for political office held a rally.

SIMMONS, CONWAY, MOORE and FANT did not stay at Chickasaw Park however. They were bored so they went to Shawnee Park where Radio Station WAKY was holding a band session. There were a couple of bands in the park and WAKY was giving out free Pepsi-Colas. While at the park, SIMMONS ran into J.T. NOBLE and a couple of other individuals who used to be associated with the "Ones". Apparently NOBLE and some of the individuals from the "Ones" had visited BEN SIMMONS while SIMMONS was at Central State Hospital.

The KBPP members split up between 5:00 and 5:30 PM.

On Saturday, May 26, 1973, "SPEEDY" JONES was engaged in a conversation near his home. JONES is now living on Oak Street near 15th on the south side of Oak. According to SPEEDY JONES his wife DEBORAH is supporting him by working as a waitress at one of the Holiday Inns in Louisville, Kentucky. SPEEDY JONES indicated that he is still interested in establishing a martial arts class, in which individuals would be trained in order that a tactical force might be established which tactical force would "deal" with pushers in the Louisville area.

BEN SIMMONS in talking with SPEEDY JONES mentioned that he (SIMMONS) has a .30 caliber M-1 enforcer in his possession which SIMMONS obtained from New York. According to SIMMONS, he can get as many and any type of weapons that he desires from a contact that he has in New York. SIMMONS indicated that with respect to his .30 caliber M-1 enforcer, this weapon was not confiscated when he was arrested because he had hidden it in his mattress, and the police did not discover it.

There was no KBPP activity on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28, 1973, because of the heavy rains. The ceiling and the walls at the KBPP Office were leaking very badly and there was approximately one-half inch of water on the floor which prohibited any activity.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES went looking for a truck or van which the KBPP would be able to use in conjunction with its "soul patrol" program. Apparently the woman who either works at or owns the Pussy Cat Wig Boutique has not been around lately, and JONES and CLARKSON have not been able to locate her. This is the woman

who is suppose to come up with the money for the truck or van, and JONES and CLARKSON are very much interested in locating her so they can obtain the money from her for the van.

There has been no further mention by party members concerning the demand of \$29,000.00 from SCEF. SIMMONS has talked MIKE CLARKSON out of attempting to get this money from SCEF. According to SIMMONS, in order to collect this money, the party would have to have an underground force to collect it and this is not the case at the present time with the KBPP. SIMMONS stated that KBPP members are much too "visible" to successfully carry out such a move against SCEF.

There was no meeting on May 29, 1973, because the office was still flooded.

BEN SIMMONS has not stayed at the KBPP Office as he had planned to do. Source does not know where he has stayed since Friday night.

Party members probably will attempt to put something on the radio regarding incarceration of BEN SIMMONS. In addition, party members are considering making an issue out of the individual who lives above the party office, who was arrested on Friday, May 25, 1973. Source, however, does not know any of the details surrounding this arrest and does not know this individual's name.

BEN SIMMONS has stated that he will not work directly with the KBPP because he wants to remain behind the scenes. According to SIMMONS, he is still a member of the national leadership of the Black Panther Party, however, and plans to remain so. Despite this claim by SIMMONS, source is of the opinion that SIMMONS has not been in touch with anyone from New York since getting out of Central State Hospital, which means that SIMMONS has probably not been in touch with anyone from New York for well over a month.

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On 6/5/73, CLARENCE HAWKINS, Detective, Police Advisory Unit, Louisville Division of Police, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that on 6/4/73 between the hours of 5:15 p.m. and 6:50 p.m., a 1973 Ford Maverick, not further described, reportedly owned by captioned individual, was broken into while same was parked in front of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky. Entry was effected by throwing a concrete block through the passenger window on the right side and breaking the left front windshield after which DICKERSON's M-1 carbine, Plainfield Machine Company (USA), serial number 34917 and two (2) 15 rim magazines containing a total of 30 rounds of .30 caliber carbine ammunition were stolen by an individual or individuals unknown.

HAWKINS further advised that the above described weapon has not yet been recovered and there are apparently no suspects known.

NCIC inquiry re above described M-1 carbine negative on 6/5/73.

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Late Friday night, May 18, 1973, HERB JONES, JOHN WINFIELD, a heavy set member of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) whose name is not known (KEITH FANT), and a couple of Negro females travelled in a 1965 or 1966 cranberry colored Pontiac to a location somewhere near Simpsonville, Kentucky.

Upon arriving at a particular location near Simpsonville, Kentucky, the KBPP members got out of the car, and HERB JONES led a rap session for about an hour. During this rap session one of the KBPP members (JOHN WINFIELD) remained separated from the other members and maintained a position as guard. The reason for this trip is not known to source.

On Monday evening, May 21, 1973, HERB JONES approached JOHN WINFIELD and source and advised them to be at the KBPP Office at 1529 West Broadway between 7:30 and 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 22, 1973, in order to participate in some "drills".

On Tuesday, May 22, 1973, at approximately 7:45AM, WINFIELD and source appeared at the KBPP Office. They were driven to a location near Simpsonville, Kentucky (believed to be the same location where party members met on the previous Friday). They travelled to this location in a blue Mustang which source had never observed before.

Four other individuals in addition to source travelled in the Mustang. One of the other individuals was JOHN WINFIELD. None of the other individuals were known by source by name, however, one of the individuals has been seen at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office on prior occasions. Source also was of the opinion that one of the other individuals who made the trip used to come by the KBPP Office when the KBPP had its office at 18th and Hale.

Upon arriving at the location near Simpsonville, Kentucky, source and the three other individuals who had ridden in the car with source participated in some calisthenics and some "drills" which consisted of running and hiding in bushes and crawling on their stomachs as if to avoid gunfire. No weapons were observed during this drill.



One other individual, not known to source, participated in this drill. This individual did not make the trip to Simpsonville in the blue Mustang. Source does not know how this individual arrived at the location. Source did not observe any other vehicle.

After completing these drills, the five individuals who had driven to the location in the blue Mustang returned via the blue Mustang to Louisville arriving back at Louisville at approximately 2:00 PM. None of the individuals spoke to each other during the entire time except to receive some cursory orders once they had arrived at the location. HERB JONES had given explicit instructions that there was to be no talking during the entire drill. These orders were complied with.

At approximately 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 22, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES, BRUCE CONWAY, JOHN WINFIELD, and two heavy set Negro males (KEITH FANT and TONY MOORE) met at the KBPP Office at 1529 West Broadway.

They discussed the fact that the party hopefully will have a Volkswagen van no later than this Friday. LEO LESSER is suppose to co-sign along with the party in order to enable the party to get the van. In the event that LESSER backs down and will not co-sign, the party can get a woman who owns the Pussy Cat Wig Shop to co-sign for the van. The van which the party hopes to buy is being sold at a car lot at 15th and Broadway.

The party will participate in a political parade believed to be sponsored by LEO LESSER this coming Saturday, May 26, 1973. There is some conflict with regard to party activities with respect to the parade, inasmuch as the party is scheduled to have a free bussing to prison program on Saturday. MIKE CLARKSON has stated that he will call various individuals who participate in the bussing program in order to determine if they want to go on the bussing program or participate in the parade. CLARKSON is undecided as to whether or not party members will split up in the event that the party does hold a bussing program, meaning that some party members will participate in the parade and some in the bussing program, or whether the party will forego participating in the parade completely and all party members go on the bussing program.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, party members met with Police Court Judge BOB DELEHANTY on Tuesday, May 22, 1973. DELEHANTY apparently is going to donate a house to the party so that the party can use the house in any fashion that it sees fit. However, the party will probably not use the house inasmuch as it is suppose to be in extremely poor shape.

DELEHANTY apparently told party members that they should see CAROLLE WHITTEN because WHITTEN had been "bad mouthing" the party. Party members went to WHITTEN's office and attempted to see him, however, were unsuccessful in this attempt. After leaving WHITTEN's office, party members observed several police cars in the vicinity of WHITTEN's office. According to MIKE CLARKSON, this occurred on a previous occasion when party members confronted CAROLLE WHITTEN, and CLARKSON is of the opinion that WHITTEN called the police on both occasions.

One of the heavy set Negro males at the meeting (KEITH FANT) suggested that the party make a move on WHITTEN. Other party members agreed that this would be a good idea although no definite plans were made relative to any type of move on WHITTEN.

Another party meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 1973, at 6:00 PM at the party office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On May 22, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, advised that two parade permits have been applied for relative to Saturday, May 26, 1973. One of these permits was applied for on behalf of LEO LESSER. The permit was applied for by MANFRIED REID. The permit was taken out for a parade which will begin at 11:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM. The parade will begin at 15th and Broadway and end at Southwestern Parkway. There will be in the parade approximately fifteen cars, one flatbed truck and two or three high school bands according to the permit.

In addition to the application taken out by REID, an application was taken out by ROBBIE CHILDS. This permit was taken out for a parade which will begin at Clay and Lampton Streets at 12:00 noon and end at Chickasaw Park at 3:30 PM. According to the permit taken out by CHILDS, she expects about one hundred automobiles to participate in the motorcade.

On May 23, 1973, Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised that KBPP members had stolen a wallet belonging to MARIE SETTLES and that there is a possibility that MIKE CLARKSON may attempt to use credit cards located in this wallet.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 22, 1973

On Monday, May 21, 1973, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) did not hold a political education class. The reason there was no class was due to the fact that MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES had gone to Radio Station WLOU where they met with JIM WILLIAMS and taped some spots with regard to the incarceration of BEN SIMMONS, the political parade being held on Saturday, May 26, 1973, and also with regard to police brutality.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1973, the KBPP did not hold a breakfast program, due to the fact that no one showed up.

At around noon, TONY MOORE, HERB JONES, KEITH FANT, MIKE CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY met at 19th and Broadway. They were supposed to meet JIM WILLIAMS at this location, however, WILLIAMS failed to show.

When WILLIAMS failed to show, they went to Radio Station WLOU and met him there. WILLIAMS agreed to air the tapes which CLARKSON and JONES had taped on Monday evening. WILLIAMS is the news commentator on WLOU between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM every day, and most of the Panther spots are usually announced during his time spot.

Despite the fact that WILLIAMS agreed to air the Panther spots, he failed to do so on Tuesday. MIKE CLARKSON was very upset that WILLIAMS failed to play the tapes as he had promised he would.

With regard to the parade on Saturday, May 26, 1973, it is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM at Hancock and Lampton. It will end up at Shawnee Park where a rally will be held. The rally is for all political candidates so that they can express their views and people can ask them questions. Despite the fact that all political candidates are invited, LEO LESSER and ROBBIE CHILDS are mainly responsible for the parade and rally.

The party will decide on Wednesday, May 23, 1973, if the party will have a bussing program on Saturday, May 26,

1973. MIKE CLARKSON is scheduled to call the people who participate in the bussing program in order to get their opinion as to whether or not they want to have the bussing program or if they want to attend the parade and rally. CLARKSON stated that he will allow the people who participate in the bussing program to make that decision.

With respect to the party's new office space at 1529 West Broadway, MIKE CLARKSON is now undecided if he will keep this space. There was some confusion with regard to this office space and it now seems that the owner of the property only agreed that the party could have the entire first floor for \$75.00 per month, plus utilities. MIKE CLARKSON is interested in renting only one room of the downstairs which the party will use as an office space, however, CLARKSON and the owner have not come to any sort of an agreement as to what the cost of renting only one room would be. At the present time while CLARKSON and the owner are still coming to an agreement, the party is not paying anything. CLARKSON stated that the party will remain at 1529 as long as they do not have to pay anything even if they cannot come to an agreement with the owner relative to the cost of renting only one room.

MIKE CLARKSON is still interested in the building located at 18th and Garland. This office will cost approximately two hundred dollars. There is a house connected to the office. SIDNEY JONES has indicated that he would like to rent the house adjoining the office space and live in the house. SIDNEY JONES indicated that he would pay one-half of the two hundred dollars rent; thus, it would only cost the party one hundred dollars for this office space. CLARKSON likes this idea because the building is in very good shape and he feels it is a good location. The building is vacant at the present time so the party can move into the building any time it chooses as long as it first comes up with two hundred dollars.

There has been no contact with New York recently. MIKE CLARKSON is not aware of any type of meeting called by New York relative to the recent shoot-out in New Jersey and any retaliation being planned by the party.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, NEVILLE TUCKER and a few other individuals/

At the present time it is uncertain whether or not the party has any bank accounts. The party was overdrawn on two of their accounts and hence, the bank closed the accounts. MIKE CLARKSON, a few weeks ago, was scheduled to open a new account; however, on the day he wanted to open the account, no one else showed up at the office to go with him and he never did make it to the bank. It is not known whether or not he subsequently did open up another account.

TONY MOORE and KEITH FANT failed in their efforts to obtain weapons on Monday, May 21, 1973. They are still looking for weapons.

The party has not obtained a van or a truck as yet. LEO LESSER appears to be stalling now with regard to co-signing a note with the party.

According to HERB JONES, an individual whom he did not name, has offered a home to the party located somewhere on 41st Street. This is a very old home and in very poor condition, but this individual has told the party that if the party wants to use the home for a "liberation school" to educate young blacks, the party is free to do so.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1973, while Panther members were at Radio Station WLOU meeting with JIM WILLIAMS, TONY MOORE stole a wallet from the purse of one of the secretaries at WLOU. There was no money in the wallet, however, there were several credit cards in the name of MARIE SETTLES. MOORE gave these credit cards to MIKE CLARKSON. CLARKSON stated that he may attempt to use one or more of the BankAmericards in one of the Liberty Mini-Matic Machines in order to obtain some money.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, some members of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) are now carrying weapons. CLARKSON surmised that they are doing so possibly due to the fact that the recent split in the BWC caused a lot of hard feelings and the remaining BWC members fear that some of the ousted members may try to retaliate in some fashion.

There has been no contact with the Republic of New Africa (RNA) or with CHOKWE LUMUMBA. Now that BEN SIMMONS is no longer in the KBPP, there is really no one who can take care of the communications. PAT GRESHAM is in charge of communications but she really has no experience

with respect to communicating with other organizations and with other individuals in the movement. Due to her inexperience, she is not doing much of anything.

Source provided the following information with respect to the organizational structure presently of the KBPP:

With respect to the leadership, MIKE CLARKSON is handling everything within the KBPP. HERB JONES takes orders from CLARKSON and although it appears that manytimes JONES is making decisions, it is really CLARKSON who is making all of the decisions.

With respect to the concept and theory of the party's leadership, it is very simple; that is, CLARKSON is the leader. There is no longer any real formal contact with New York at the present time. No one is submitting any weekly reports to New York, and BERNICE JONES has failed to send any information to the KBPP on any regular basis.

With respect to the various functional capacities of individual members, it is really run on an ad hoc basis. No specific duties are laid out. HERB JONES is normally the head of the breakfast program, and PAT GRESHAM is normally head of communications, however, all other duties are delegated by MIKE CLARKSON.

There are at present no committees within the party.

At the present time there are seven members of the KBPP. These individuals are MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES, BRUCE CONWAY, PAT GRESHAM, TONY MOORE, KEITH FANT and CAROLLE MORRIS.

With respect to disciplinary provisions within the KBPP, there are none.

With respect to physical facilities at the present time, the KBPP's headquarters are located at 1529 West Broadway, and there is a possibility that the party may relocate to the office on 18th Street near Garland.

With respect to pads and cribs, there are none.

With respect to the financial situation of the party, the party's sources of income are the bus donations as a result of the free bussing program to prisons and donations from various churches within the Louisville area. In addition, the



party members are expected to pay at least twenty-five dollars per month to the party. There are also instances of petty rip-offs as mentioned above in this report in the case of TONY MOORE ripping off one of the secretaries at Radio Station WLOU.

As previously mentioned in this report, it is uncertain at the present time if the party has any bank accounts. CLARKSON was supposed to open an account, however, source is uncertain as to whether or not CLARKSON has actually done so.

MIKE CLARKSON handles all the money that comes in to the party and if there is no bank account, source assumes that CLARKSON keeps the money at PAT GRESHAM's mother's home.

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- 1 - 157-1723 (MOORE)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 22, 1973

The Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) has established a new office at 1529 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. According to PAT GRESHAM, KBPP member, the lady from whom the KBPP is currently "renting" the above-described location, apparently wants too much money, and the KBPP is currently attempting to locate another structure suitable as an office. Contained in the new KBPP Office are approximately twenty rooms, all of which are empty. MIKE CLARKSON, current recognized KBPP leader, is personally attempting to locate another suitable facility in which to house the KBPP Office.

On May 22, 1973, CLARKSON reportedly was doing "community work" for the KBPP.

On May 20, 1973, at approximately 2:00 PM, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) was held at the BWC Office, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky. Approximately twenty to twenty-five persons were in attendance at the above-mentioned meeting, among whom ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' brother, TAYLOR ROBERTS, KEITH FANT, TONY MOORE and SONYA RAMSEY were recognized. Some discussion was held concerning the upcoming primary election during which candidates for Louisville City Mayor and members of the Louisville Board of Aldermen are to be chosen. Apparently the BWC is actively supporting LEO LESSER for Mayor and ROBBIE CHILDS for Alderman. SONYA RAMSEY, who is a member of the BWC, appeared to be the most influential individual at the above-mentioned meeting. RAMSEY spoke concerning the upcoming election and introduced two Negro male speakers. No weapons were observed by any individuals present at the BWC meeting.

KBPP members have vacated the premises of 609 South 44th Street, Louisville, Kentucky, previously occupied by RICK OLIVER, G.T. ALEXANDER and other KBPP members.

On Sunday, May 20, 1973, the previously planned KBPP rally for Shawnee Park was called off. No further mention was made of the rally which had only been tentatively planned at the outset.

In reference to the above-mentioned BWC meeting on May 20, 1973, source noted that there was some discussion concerning the CEDRIC WILSON case, during which WILSON's

arrest for the shooting and killing of Louisville Patrolman TOM RAY was termed "political" in nature. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS also mentioned that an individual had thrown a rock through the BWC Office front window, and that ROBERTS had notified the police, caught the individual and held him for the police. ROBERTS further noted that the police came sometime after the initial notification, did not arrest the individual being held by ROBERTS claiming that the BWC did not want to press charges. ROBERTS acknowledged that the BWC was not interested in pressing charges against the above-mentioned individual responsible for breaking the BWC window, but did want the matter made an official police record for insurance purposes. According to ROBERTS, the Louisville Division of Police representatives on the scene would not arrest the individual being held by ROBERTS unless ROBERTS himself went downtown and swore out a warrant against him.

CAROLLE MORRIS, KBPP member, reportedly has obtained employment and is currently living with her grandmother in Louisville, Kentucky.

LARRY BAINES, also known as "Umoja", has not been seen in the Louisville, Kentucky area for quite some time and is believed to be somewhere in the State of New York.

HERB JONES, KBPP member and co-leader, is currently in charge of the KBPP free breakfast program. JONES has remained active within the KBPP since its inception and appears to be extremely dedicated to the KBPP and its ideology.

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1-157-1301 (SIMMONS)  
1-157-1469 (KBPP)  
1-157-1486 (JONES)  
1-157-1615 (CLARKSON)  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 24, 1973

At approximately 3:30 PM, on May 24, 1973, a news conference called by the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), Louisville, Kentucky, at 1529 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, was attended. Notification of this conference was received from MICHAEL CLARKSON of the party. At the conference CLARKSON alleged that the Democratic candidates for Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky, namely Dr. Carroll Witten and Dr. Harvey Sloane, were both buying votes among the black element in Louisville, Kentucky. When one of the news people attending the conference asked CLARKSON if he would be willing to present his charges to a local grand jury he replied "yes and no." In explanation he said that some of the individuals who have knowledge of the information would be willing to go before a grand jury while others would not.

During the above conference it was noted that HERB JONES of the party stayed in the company of CLARKSON as did a young black male who is very heavy but whose name is not known.

CLARKSON also mentioned that the party may hold a news conference the coming week at which the party will verbally attack the Louisville Police Department because the party does not believe the police department "is in tune with the needs of the black community." CLARKSON indicated that the party does not want to see any more police assigned to patrol the black areas of Louisville and feels that those now patrolling it do not understand the problems that exist in the area.

During the above conference CLARKSON stated that he could be contacted telephonically for information whenever such might be desired at Louisville telephone 774-3915, and HERB JONES said he could be telephonically contacted at Louisville telephone 772-2942.

BENJAMIN SIMMONS was observed on the afternoon of May 23, 1973, coming out of the State Office Building at 6th and Cedar Streets in Louisville, Kentucky. He was accompanied by an unknown black male. There was no opportunity to talk personally with SIMMONS on this occasion.

About a month ago a black female who was rather plump in build and appeared to be in her mid 20's visited |

several television stations in Louisville, Kentucky. She gave her name as SONYA RAMSEY an associate with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), of Louisville, Kentucky. Her stated purpose in visiting these stations was to examine their licenses with respect to their having federal permission to broadcast. Such records are public records and must be made available by the television station upon request. It is known that at the television station WLKY, RAMSEY met no difficulty and did examine the records desired.

About a week ago RAMSEY returned to WLKY TV ostensibly seeking more information regarding the licensing records. However, within the past several days the television station has received a letter from the Black Workers Coalition as have television stations WHAS and WAVE in Louisville, Kentucky, and in effect the BWC is requesting these stations to hire a black news director. According to the letter in the event a black person qualified for such a position cannot be found, then at least the stations are expected to hire an assistant black news director. In addition, the BWC is requesting that the stations each week broadcast a certain number of black oriented programs. Also in order to see that this is done the BWC is requesting the stations to hire an individual, who will be selected by the BWC, for the purpose of that individual seeing that the stations live up to the requests made by the BWC. The BWC although selecting this individual will have no responsibility for paying the individual's salary but that will be the responsibility of the stations.

No information has been received for quite some time regarding WALTER LEE STEPHENSON or JAMES CARR, both of whom several years ago were associated with the Junta of Militant Organizations in Louisville, Kentucky.

No information has been developed indicating any Underground Railroad type activity exists in Louisville, Kentucky, through which individuals might travel to Canada.

Also there has been no information developed to the effect that any demonstrations are planned in the immediate future in Louisville, Kentucky, with respect to possible protest of the announced position of the NIXON administration to eliminate a number of poverty programs.

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1-157-1633 (TAYLOR)  
1-157-1219 (BWC)  
1-157-1667 (OLIVER)  
1-157-1615 (CLARKSON)  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 18, 1973

LARRY TAYLOR, former Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) member, has indicated that G. T. ALEXANDER and RICK OLIVER have both disassociated themselves from the KBPP and are rumored to have gone "underground" as a result of a recent "rip off" of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). TAYLOR has been known to fabricate stories around skeletal facts.

Regular meetings of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) are held each Sunday at 2 PM at the BWC Office, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

MIKE CLARKSON's telephone was "temporarily out of service" on May 18, 1973. CLARKSON's residence 513 South 21st Street has very little furniture in the front rooms.

On May 17, 1973, BEN SIMMONS reportedly contacted an unidentified friend but did not indicate where he was at the time, however, [REDACTED]

The KBPP Office, 824 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, has been vacated and the electrical and telephone service has been disconnected.

PAT GRESHAM reportedly still resides at 513 South 21st Street and is supposedly employed part-time at a local restaurant.

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1 - 157-1505 (JENNINGS)  
1 - 157-1548 (GERTON)  
1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)  
1 - 157-1758 (L. ROBERTS)  
1 - 157-1759 (TINKER)  
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On May 21, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised that there apparently was no representative from the Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, at the BWC meeting on Sunday, 5/20/73.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 21, 1973

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is apparently in bad financial straits. Recently there have been several conversations at the BWC Office in which the discussion has centered around the raising of funds for the BWC. There is general agreement that BWC members will solicit funds for the BWC by going door to door in the West End. In addition, BWC members will attempt to get funds from various commercial establishments in the black community.

The BWC is apparently attempting to pressure the owner of Jones' Grocery Store at 23rd and Kentucky into donating money to the BWC. The BWC has had Mr. JONES at the BWC Office in order to talk to him concerning the incident last week at his store. Source is of the opinion that the BWC will drop the matter if JONES gives them money, but if JONES does not give them money, the BWC will attempt to keep the issue before the community.

BWC members have been contacting the parents of some of the teenagers who were involved in the incident at Jones' Grocery Store in an attempt to get them to allege police brutality.

BRENDA (ALLEN) and SONYA RAMSEY have recently been fired from their jobs at the Convenient Food Market located on Wilson near the Carter homes.

As mentioned in a previous report, VANITA TINKER has recently been fired from her job with the Enro Shirt Company. Since becoming affiliated with the BWC, TINKER, in addition to having been fired from Enro, has been fired from a bank where she used to work, from General Hospital, and from a computer machine company located somewhere in Louisville. Some of the individuals formerly associated with the BWC (supporters of MOSE RAPIER) believe that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has been attempting to stir up worker discontent by getting VANITA TINKER these various jobs and then having her attempt to stir up problems on the job and as a result get fired.

At Sunday's BWC meeting on May 20, 1973, there were some employees from the Enro Shirt Company present. Some of these workers complained that they may lose their jobs due to the fact that VANITA TINKER stirred up trouble

at Enro and as a result, the owners of the Enro Shirt Company are thinking of relocating their business.

Last week WILLIAM JENNINGS stopped by the BWC Office for a short time and criticized ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and members of his family for attempting to take over the BWC and make it into a "family thing" rather than a community organization. JENNINGS stayed for only a short time and then left the office.

On Sunday, May 20, 1973, the BWC held its community meeting. MIKE CLARKSON was present at the meeting representing the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). ROGER DICKERSON was at this meeting. DICKERSON has been at the BWC Office every day since becoming a member of the BWC. He no longer carries a weapon with him, however, he now carries a tape recorder and whenever anyone addresses him, he tapes the conversation. DICKERSON has become a member of the Board of Directors for the BWC. It is believed that DICKERSON has replaced MOSE RAPIER on the board as financial chairman.

At the meeting, DICKERSON spoke in favor of the establishment of a police patrol in the black community. The police patrol would be responsible for guarding the black community. In addition to DICKERSON another individual (Negro male), who has recently become affiliated with the BWC and may hold an office within the BWC, spoke in favor of the establishment of a police patrol. This unknown individual drives a brown and white Pinto and apparently is responsible for re-establishing the BWC's various children's programs. Source is not certain, but believes that this individual may have been involved in the recent incident at a bar on Dumesnil in which there arose allegations of police brutality.

With respect to the establishment of a police patrol, the BWC feels that young people should be allowed to participate on the police patrol. It was not explicitly stated, however, but members of the police patrol will probably be armed.

As far as source knows, there were no police officers at this BWC meeting.

Recently LEONARD ROBERTS wrecked the station wagon which the BWC has been using. This station wagon belongs to Summers-Herrmann Ford. Apparently Summers-Herrmann Ford has found out about the damage to its automobile and is quite upset about it. Summers-Herrmann Ford supposedly is going to take back the automobile.

There have been no weapons observed at the BWC Office for the last two weeks.

ORVILLE GERTON has not been by the BWC Office for several months and has no association with the BWC.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 18, 1973

On Tuesday, May 15, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON stated that there will be no more political education classes for the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) until the KBPP moves into a new office space. On this occasion, CLARKSON indicated that he no longer wants the party to move into the office space at 18th and Ormsby. CLARKSON objects to this office space because the party cannot rent the entire building, meaning that there will be tenants above the party's office, and CLARKSON objects to this.

CLARKSON indicated that he now favors moving into a house located on West Broadway between 15th and 16th Streets. According to CLARKSON this is a two-story residence and the party can rent the entire structure for \$150.00 per month.

MIKE CLARKSON claims that he spoke to BERNICE JONES last Thursday, May 10, 1973, at which time CLARKSON told BERNICE JONES about BEN SIMMONS' incarceration. According to CLARKSON, BERNICE JONES plans to come to Louisville sometime in the near future. BERNICE JONES plans to come to Louisville in order to talk to the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) in order to resolve the conflict between SCEF and the KBPP.

During the telephone conversation with BERNICE JONES, CLARKSON found out in greater detail concerning the recent shoot-out between former members of the Black Panther Party-Cleaver Faction and state troopers in New Jersey. CLARKSON did not indicate that JONES desired anyone from the KBPP to travel to New York in order to have a meeting relative to the shoot-out.

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After taping this interview, CLARKSON took the tape to radio station WLOU later that day and JIM WILLIAMS, who is a news announcer and former disc jockey with radio station WLOU, played the tape on the air. (WILLIAMS actually played only a portion of the tape which lasted for approximately two minutes).

With regard to JIM WILLIAMS, WILLIAMS is the only person at radio station WLOU who will play most of the material which any of the KBPP members brings to the station. For some reason, WILLIAMS is sympathetic to the various causes of the KBPP.

On Saturday, May 12, 1973, the KBPP conducted its free bussing program. One bus went to Eddyville and one bus went to LaGrange. On the return trip, the bus to Eddyville broke down and the Plymouth Settlement House had to rescue the individuals on the bus.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, individuals who are utilizing the buses to the prisons are contributing very well to the KBPP. CLARKSON is hopeful that the KBPP will eventually make enough money to enable them to buy a surplus Greyhound bus. CLARKSON stated that he plans to check into this possibility himself.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) recently had a vote in which ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was successful in getting rid of MOSCOE RAPIER, RON (Last Name Unknown) (SLAUGHTER), and BOB (Last Name Unknown) (CUNNINGHAM). According to CLARKSON, as a result of this purge by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the BWC lost over half of its members. The basic disagreement between ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSCOE RAPIER is over the extent to which the BWC will cooperate with the KBPP. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has become more militant of late and it is his desire that the BWC cooperate to a great extent with the KBPP. MOSE RAPIER is of a different opinion.

CLARKSON stated that he has heard that there is a possibility that MOSE RAPIER may start up another organization which he will head himself rather than attempt to get back into the BWC.

MIKE CLARKSON has indicated that the most important thing to him at the present time, in addition to straightening up the party's new office, is to establish a free bussing program for the elderly. It is CLARKSON's theory that the party will get excellent publicity as a result of this program and will also get more contributions as a result.

Recently CLARKSON has been carrying a cheap walkie-talkie around with him. This walkie-talkie is not really very functional because it has a very short range. Source believes that this walkie-talkie was given to CLARKSON by BRUCE CONWAY.

There has been no further mention of a rally to be held in mid-June by the KBPP. Source speculates that since BERNICE JONES had favored this rally, the KBPP will wait for her to arrive in Louisville before any further decisions are made with regard to this rally. PAT GRESHAM and CAROLLE MORRIS were supposed to be in charge of the rally and were supposed to gain publicity for it. As yet, neither GRESHAM nor MORRIS has done anything to publicize the rally.

The financial situation of the KBPP is in very good shape at the present time. The party gets approximately two hundred dollars a month as a result of its bussing program and at least one hundred dollars as a result of contributions solicited by MIKE CLARKSON from various churches in the West End of Louisville. In addition, KBPP members have been contributing a minimum of \$25.00 per month for the last two months.

MIKE CLARKSON has indicated that with regard to the establishment of a "soul patrol", anyone participating in the "soul patrol" need not be a member of the KBPP. However, these individuals will be expected to carry weapons. CLARKSON has indicated that he does not want these individuals to use their own weapons. CLARKSON would prefer that the KBPP acquire their own weapons (rifles and shotguns) and furnish these weapons to members of the "soul patrol".

Recently MIKE CLARKSON has been observed packing a .32 revolver.

CLARKSON has also mentioned that sometime in the future he would like to "fortify" the KBPP's new office space. CLARKSON has not elaborated any further on this idea, however, he has mentioned to BRUCE CONWAY that when the time is right, he wants CONWAY to be in charge of "fortifying" the new office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On May 19, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised that MIKE CLARKSON was supposed to meet with some police officers from the Louisville Police Department at the Black Workers Coalition on Sunday, May 20, 1973, in order to discuss the KBPP's "soul patrol".

Detective HAWKINS was also advised that there is a possibility that the KBPP will get a van which they will use in order to implement the "soul patrol".

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 19, 1973

On Saturday, May 19, 1973, HERB JONES, KEITH FANT, MIKE CLARKSON and TONY MOORE went to the Elks Home. They arrived at 9:00 AM and left at approximately 11:30 AM. While there they constructed campaign signs for LEO LESSER. According to MIKE CLARKSON, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is supposed to get paid for this work.

Also according to MIKE CLARKSON, LEO LESSER is supposed to co-sign for a 1965 white Volkswagen van which the party wants to purchase. The cost of the van is \$795.00. It is being sold at a used car lot on the south side of Broadway on 15th Street. CLARKSON and LESSER are scheduled to go to the car lot on Monday, May 21, 1973, in order to purchase it.

This van will be used in order to implement the party's "soul patrol" program. It will also be used in order to bus the elderly enabling the elderly to cash their Social Security and welfare checks.

The party did not hold a bussing program on Saturday, May 19, 1973.

MIKE CLARKSON called off the party's rally which had been scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 1973, at Shawnee Park. According to CLARKSON, he could not attend the rally because he was scheduled to go to several meetings with some ministers at various churches in the West End. CLARKSON stated that the purpose of these meetings was to discuss the party's bussing program to prisons. CLARKSON is hopeful that he will be able to get more money for the party's program and perhaps more buses.

In addition to meeting with ministers, CLARKSON is scheduled to attend a meeting at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) in order to discuss the party's "soul patrol". According to CLARKSON, some policemen were supposed to be at that meeting in order to participate in the discussion.

MIKE CLARKSON has been by the South Central Bell Telephone Company in an attempt to get a telephone for the party's new office space. It is not known if CLARKSON's efforts have been successful.

The party is still scheduled to participate in a parade on Saturday, May 26, 1973, along with the Screaming Eagles motorcycle gang. Source believes that the Screaming Eagles' headquarters is located somewhere on 23rd Street.

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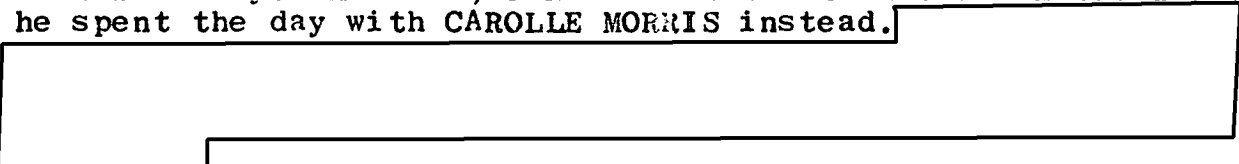
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May 18, 1973

On Wednesday, May 16, 1973, HERB JONES was supposed to obtain a van so that the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) could move some of its office equipment from its old office on East Chestnut Street to its new office at 1529 West Broadway. However, JONES did not obtain the van because he spent the day with CAROLLE MORRIS instead.



JONES indicated that he wanted KBPP members to be at the office on East Chestnut Street on Thursday morning, May 17, 1973, in order that the move to the new office space could begin.

According to HERB JONES, some KBPP members moved a few things from the old office space to the new office space on Thursday, May 17, 1973. JONES indicated that the move would hopefully be completed on Friday, May 18, 1973. JONES stated that the reason that the move was not completed on Thursday was due to the fact that he could not obtain a van.

HERB JONES has been scheduled to be at several meetings of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), but JONES has missed these meetings. JONES indicated that the reason he missed the meetings was due to the fact that he really does not like the BWC, nor any of its members. JONES stated that the BWC is not violent enough for his tastes. Source feels that there may be some truth to this statement, however, source feels that the real reason that JONES is not too enthusiastic about cooperating more with the BWC is due to jealousy. Source feels that JONES is afraid that the BWC will receive more publicity than the KBPP and also that the KBPP will not be able to maintain its "leadership" in the black community if they join forces with the BWC.

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- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On May 17, 1973, Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised re the interest that the BWC has expressed in the incident which occurred at Jones Food Market, 23rd and Kentucky, on May 14, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 17, 1973

On Thursday, May 17, 1973, approximately thirty teenagers were at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office in the late afternoon. Most of these teenagers had been involved in some way in the incident which had occurred on Monday, May 14, 1973, at Jones Food Market, 23rd and Kentucky. BARBARA BROWN of the BWC continues in her attempts to get some of the teenagers to charge the police with police brutality. It is not known if BROWN has met with any success, in these attempts.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was at the BWC Office and stated that he definitely wants to have a march on the Enro Shirt Company sometime in the near future. Although ROBERTS was very enthusiastic and very definite about the march, he did not offer any proposed date for this march.

Also on Wednesday, ROGER DICKERSON was at the BWC Office. DICKERSON has been at the BWC Office every day, all day, since becoming affiliated with the BWC. On Wednesday, DICKERSON had with him a tape recorder and taped anyone who came into the BWC Office. Source does not know the reason for DICKERSON's behavior with regard to the tape recorder.

LEO LESSER has stated that he will not attend any more of the BWC meetings because he feels that MOSE RAPIER and his associates were dealt with in an unfair fashion by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. Apparently LESSER has sided with MOSE RAPIER in RAPIER's opposition to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and the manner in which ROBERTS is running the BWC.

In addition to LEO LESSER, most other ministers who have had any association with the BWC have sided with MOSE RAPIER against ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. This is understandable inasmuch as ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has always been very antagonistic towards the church and church groups.

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- 1 - 157-1600 (BLAKEMORE)
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**ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:**

On March 13, 1974, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the possibility of there being demonstrations in Louisville, Kentucky, centered around the retrial of DARRYL BLAKEMORE.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
March 13, 1974

According to BARBARA MASON of the Four Quarters Cultural Center, there is a meeting every Monday night at the cultural center starting at approximately 6:30 PM. MASON did not indicate whether or not the meeting had anything to do with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

On Monday, March 11, 1974, there was no meeting at the Four Quarters Cultural Center despite the fact that BARBARA MASON had indicated there would be.

There was a meeting at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office on Monday evening March 11, 1974. There were approximately ten women at the meeting as well as four males, two of whom were known to source as being KEITH FANT and TONY MOORE.

The meeting concerned the upcoming retrial of DARRYL BLAKEMORE. The individuals at the meeting indicated that they would print up some leaflets regarding the retrial and also that they are planning to demonstrate at the trial. A Negro female named KATHY WILLIAMS, who resides at 1311 South 28th Street, indicated that she will print up the leaflets. According to WILLIAMS, she used to attend vocational school with HERB JONES and she is the one who got JONES interested in taking up printing himself.

From conversation at the meeting, it seems that the BWC and the "JC's" have gotten together and are opening up a restaurant across the street from the Four Quarters Cultural Center. The restaurant will probably be located on the northwest corner across from the Four Quarters Cultural Center.

In a recent conversation with CAROLLE MORRIS at 730 East Liberty Street, where MORRIS is currently staying with her sister, CAROLLE MORRIS indicated that she has not heard anything from RICK OLIVER. On this occasion, RICK OLIVER's sister, APRIL OLIVER, was with CAROLLE MORRIS. Source cannot recall the name of CAROLLE MORRIS' sister, however, this sister has a boy friend named WILLIAM WRIGHT who resides at 730 East Liberty.

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- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
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- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1552 (HARWELL)
- 1 - 157-1558 (WINFIELD)
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On May 16, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the possibility that the KBPP may move its office to 1529 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 16, 1973

On Friday, May 11, 1973, about nine people were at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, around 2:30 PM. ROGER DICKERSON was one of the individuals present. On this occasion DICKERSON was observed carrying a hand weapon.

On Sunday, May 13, 1973, the BWC held a community meeting. No one from the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) was present at this meeting. At the meeting the talk centered around an officer MOODY from the Louisville Police Department and alleged acts of brutality on his part.

ROGER DICKERSON was at the meeting. DICKERSON claimed that on Saturday, May 12, 1973, he had been elected to the Board of Directors of the BWC. DICKERSON claimed that he was elected to the position of Secretary of Arms. In conversation with DICKERSON source learned that DICKERSON at one time worked for General Electric, however, DICKERSON was fired.

On Monday, May 14, 1973, HERB JONES and another individual associated with the KBPP who carries a handbag (CLARKSON), went to 1529 West Broadway in order to look at a house at that location. CLARKSON had discovered this house and learned that it was up for rent. He took HERB JONES there in order to determine whether or not HERB JONES might wish to use this house as the new KBPP office. JONES was very impressed with the house and stated that he would prefer that the KBPP relocate itself at this location as opposed to 18th and Ormsby. According to CLARKSON, the rent for the first month would be \$75.00; thereafter the rent would be \$150.00 per month with an option for the KBPP to purchase the home.

According to HERB JONES, BEN SIMMONS recently received a sixty day jail sentence. HERB JONES did not elaborate any further, and it is not known why SIMMONS received this sentence.

HERB JONES claims that he is "in chips". JONES claims that he intends to buy a Cadillac in the near future.

In conversation with HERB JONES, JONES has stated that it is his opinion that the country is in a real leadership crisis due to the Watergate affair, and it is JONES' opinion that the time is ripe for the KBPP to get widespread support for the KBPP's various programs.

According to HERB JONES, G.T. ALEXANDER is no longer associated with the KBPP. JONES stated that he has no idea where G.T. ALEXANDER is at the present time.

After JONES and CLARKSON viewed the home at 1529 West Broadway, they went to LEO LESSER's office and spoke with LESSER. The reason for their discussion with LESSER is unknown.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1973, the BWC held a meeting at the BWC Office at approximately 3:30 PM. JOHN WINFIELD, who has recently become reaffiliated with the KBPP, acted as a representative of the KBPP at this meeting. The meeting was called off about thirty minutes after it began because ROOSEVELT ROBERTS failed to show up for the meeting. The meeting was supposed to deal with ways in which the BWC can convince the black community of the sincerity of the BWC and of its programs. One individual who was present at the meeting was irate that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had not showed up for the meeting. This individual claimed that the fact that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS did not show up for the meeting shows that he is, in fact, not sincere with regard to his efforts to improve the black community and to make the BWC an organization of the people. There were approximately thirteen individuals at this meeting. In addition to JOHN WINFIELD, ROGER DICKERSON was at this meeting.

REGINA HARWELL was engaged in a conversation recently and according to HARWELL she plans to get married in the near future. HARWELL claims she is marrying an individual who used to work at Chema West and who now, according to HARWELL, is Assistant Manager at the Ohio Theater in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Source was contacted on 4/25/73, but would furnish no information.

On 5/18/73, source advised that he had heard that recently there had been a split within the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had emerged as the sole leader of the BWC.

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- 1 - 157-1609 (LAWLESS)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1301 (SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, J.)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROOSEVELT)
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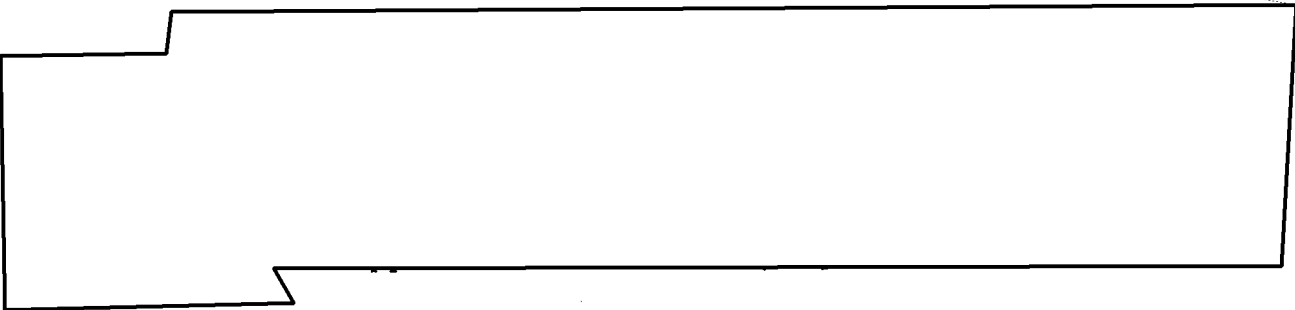
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LEON LAWLESS, former Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) member, is very annoyed over the circumstances surrounding his recent arrest in Memphis, Tennessee, during which KBPP members left him in Memphis, Tennessee, and let him take the rap for the unauthorized use of SCEF credit cards. LAWLESS has indicated that he would really like to get even in some manner with G.T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON.

CAROLLE MORRIS has indicated that she no longer considers herself a member of the KBPP. MORRIS also has indicated that she believes that the KBPP no longer exists in Louisville, Kentucky. MORRIS noted that she has not seen RICK OLIVER recently and gives the impression that she no longer is romantically involved with OLIVER.

On May 10, 1973, VILANNE DAVIS was observed at Shawnee Park. DAVIS was driving a 1972 Plymouth Satellite, light green over dark green, bearing 1973 Breckinridge County, Kentucky vehicle tag unknown. DAVIS is no longer connected with the KBPP.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Chairman of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), is actively working on the voter registration project sponsored by the BWC. ROBBIE CHILDS, candidate for alderman, has closely associated herself with the BWC and is utilizing BWC facilities in the operation of her election campaign. CHILDS has closely aligned herself with the BWC and has supported the BWC in the past. CHILDS apparently has received the endorsement of the BWC as an aldermatic candidate. Regular meetings of the BWC are held each and every Sunday at 2:00 PM at BWC Office, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Current members of the KBPP have been relatively inactive and no meetings have been held recently, according to

several KBPP members still active. Several KBPP members continue to work on the free breakfast program, which is held each morning at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Community Center, Hancock Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

On May 20, 1973, the KBPP is sponsoring a demonstration at Shawnee Park, Louisville, Kentucky, the exact nature of which is unknown. Further details concerning the above-mentioned demonstration are expected to be released at a later date.

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The exact location of the new Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office is at 1529 West Broadway. This is a three-story residence, which has a total of twenty rooms in it. The KBPP has rented the entire building and has access to all twenty rooms. The KBPP will use this residence as its office and probably as a crib for its members and any guests which may arrive from out of town. HERB JONES has even mentioned that KBPP may get a permit and rent some of the rooms out.

MIKE CLARKSON, TONY MOORE, HERB JONES and PAT GRESHAM moved some papers and some fold-up chairs from the old office space to the new office space on Thursday morning, May 18, 1973. CLARKSON used a 1963 white Falcon to move the material. According to CLARKSON he borrowed this car from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC).

A large desk and several large lounge chairs still remain at the KBPP office. This furniture cannot be moved until the party borrows a van. According to CLARKSON, HERB JONES should be able to get a van on Friday, May 18, 1973, and the KBPP will then conclude its move.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the new office space will be in full effect on Monday, May 21, 1973. CLARKSON wants all party members to help clean up the new office space over the weekend so it will be ready by Monday.

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1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)  
1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)  
1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)  
1 - 157-1621 (COX)  
1 - 157-1722 (GRESHAM)  
1 - 157-1759 (TINKER)  
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On Saturday, May 12, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' father, who is supposedly a preacher, came to the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office and spoke to several BWC members urging these BWC members to support ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and showing these members that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is a trustworthy individual and worthy of their continued support.

On Sunday, May 13, 1973, the BWC held its regularly scheduled community meeting. MIKE CLARKSON and PAT GRESHAM attended the meeting representing the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

ROGER DICKERSON was also at the BWC meeting. As far as could be observed, DICKERSON was not carrying any weapons.

One of the things discussed at the meeting was renewed emphasis by the BWC on attempting to reinstitute some of the BWC's youth programs. Recently the youth programs have fallen apart and are virtually non-existent.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is particularly interested in reinstituting these programs because the BWC realizes a financial profit as a result of these programs because the BWC receives donations from Crispy Chicken and from Kentucky Fried Chicken to carry on its youth programs.

Neither MOSE RAPIER, JIMMY COX, RON SLAUGHTER nor BOB CUNNINGHAM attended Sunday's meeting. None of these individuals has been at the BWC Office since being voted off the Board of Directors last Sunday.

MOSE RAPIER, however, is still hopeful that he and three other deposed board members can, at some future date, oust ROOSEVELT ROBERTS from his present leadership position within the BWC and return to power themselves.

On Monday, May 14, 1973, BARBARA BROWN and JEAN (Last Name Unknown), both representing the BWC, went to Jones Food Market at Kentucky and 23rd Streets. Apparently BROWN and JEAN (Last Name Unknown) had heard that some youths had been arrested at the food market and went there to inquire if there had been any police brutality involved. In fact, no one had

been arrested at the food market. Some youths had been bothering some elderly people who were attempting to cash some checks at the store, and the police merely asked these youths to leave the premises.

It is source's opinion that the BWC is very anxious to create ill will toward the police within the West End of Louisville, and will continue to attempt to stir up any problems that they can in order to foster this ill will.

VANITA TINKER, who had been working at Enro, claims that she has been fired by Enro. Some of the BWC members who are in opposition to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS believe that ROBERTS sent VANITA TINKER to work at Enro merely to cause some problems at Enro. These same individuals believe that TINKER went out of her way to get fired merely to give the BWC further cause to picket and demonstrate against Enro.

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- 1 - 157-1448 (BLA)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
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- 1 - 157-1486 (H. JONES)
- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
- 1 - 157-1594 (B. JONES)
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On Tuesday, May 8, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON learned from JUDI SIMMONS that BEN SIMMONS had been arrested and was ultimately taken to Central State Hospital. CLARKSON was extremely upset upon learning this news and vowed that he would get even with the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), whom he blames for SIMMONS' arrest.

On Thursday, May 10, 1973, from approximately 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM, TONY MOORE, KEITH FANT, MIKE CLARKSON, BRUCE CONWAY and HERB JONES were at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office on Chestnut Street.

CLARKSON, earlier that day, had put out a news release to some local radio stations with respect to BEN SIMMONS' arrest and incarceration in a mental institution. CLARKSON, in the news release, accused SCEF of working hand in hand with the Louisville Police Department (LPD) in getting SIMMONS arrested on phony charges and accused SCEF of wanting to ruin BEN SIMMONS' reputation.

CLARKSON stated that he hopes to put out some leaflets with respect to SIMMONS' incarceration. CLARKSON will probably use the Plymouth Settlement House's mimeograph machine in order to make up these leaflets.

MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES plan to be at SIMMONS' hearing on Friday, May 11, 1973. The hearing will be held at 11:00 AM at Central State Hospital.

The party will not be able to move into its new office space at 18th and Ormsby (apparently CLARKSON has decided on this office space as opposed to the office space on 28th Street) because the owner of the building at 18th and Ormsby had previously rented the building to another individual a few months ago; however, this individual has never moved in and he is delinquent on his rent. To avoid legal entanglements, the owner of the property wants to be able through a legal procedure to assure the party that they will not get involved in any legal entanglements as a result of moving in too early. The owner of the building anticipates that it will take him between five and ten days to straighten out the legal questions involved, at which time the party will be able to move in.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the party will pay sixty dollars per month for the office space. The office space will consist of one large room. Perhaps at a later date the party will partition the office so that they will have more than one room available.

The party is scheduled to resume its bussing program on Saturday, May 12, 1973. At the present time the party only has two buses. One will go to LaGrange and one will go to Eddyville. The two buses that will be used will be the Plymouth Settlement House bus and NEVILLE TUCKER's bus. The party will not be able to use Grace Hope Presbyterian's bus this weekend due to a previous commitment.

MIKE CLARKSON has indicated that he wants to get more buses to enable the party to establish a free bussing program for elderly people, which would enable them to ride buses to and from their homes when they have to cash their Social Security checks or their welfare checks. This will prevent the elderly people from being ripped off by young people who need money for drugs. CLARKSON feels that this would be good public relations for the party.

CLARKSON definitely wants to establish a "soul patrol." CLARKSON believes that the free bussing program for the elderly will pave the way for the "soul patrol" due to the good publicity which the party will receive. CLARKSON has placed BRUCE CONWAY in charge of establishing the "soul patrol". CONWAY will be in charge of getting the necessary radio equipment. CLARKSON wants CONWAY to establish a radio base station in the Newburg area and one in the downtown area. The one in the downtown area will probably be located at PAT GRESHAM's mother's home at 513 South 21st Street. BRUCE CONWAY, at the present time, is checking out radio equipment in order to comply with CLARKSON's wishes. CONWAY will also contact various individuals who would cooperate with the party (will not necessarily join the party) in patrolling various areas of Louisville which are predominantly black. These individuals would respond to any calls which the party puts out. As previously reported, it is CLARKSON's idea that the "soul patrol" will replace the function of the police department in the black community. CLARKSON feels that the "soul patrol" should operate in Louisville, Kentucky, exclusive of the Louisville and Jefferson County Police Departments.

With respect to the recent police killing in New Jersey involving members of the Black Liberation Army (BLA),

MIKE CLARKSON has stated that he does not know much about it. CLARKSON did state that he read a newspaper article concerning the shoot-out, however, no names were mentioned. CLARKSON indicated that he has not, as yet, spoken to BERNICE JONES concerning the shoot-out, however, he hopes to speak to BERNICE JONES in the near future in order to find out more details concerning the shoot-out.

The KBPP has not heard anything about or from VERLINA BREWER. Her whereabouts are not known at the present time.

With respect to the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), according to MIKE CLARKSON, CLARKSON is waiting to see how the internal difficulties that the BWC is currently experiencing will be worked out. Once a leader evolves in the BWC, CLARKSON will then assess that individual or those individuals and then determine the extent to which the KBPP will work with the BWC. CLARKSON indicated that he is waiting to see "who he can count on" in the BWC before really committing himself and the KBPP in any extensive and joint effort with the BWC.

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On May 8, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised regarding information contained in this report with respect to HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON's being in possession of stolen property, with respect to the possibility of the KBPP's establishing a "soul patrol", and with regard to the establishment of a "Black United Front" in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 7, 1973

On Saturday, May 5, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES and PAT GRESHAM sold posters at Churchill Downs from approximately 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. According to CLARKSON, they made approximately thirty dollars. CLARKSON was very disappointed because he had anticipated making up to one hundred dollars.

According to CLARKSON, the party will get a new office space at 18th and Ormsby. CLARKSON, however, did not obtain the office through the realtor friend of PAT GRESHAM as he had anticipated. CLARKSON had hoped to get an office free of charge, however, the office space at 18th and Ormsby will cost approximately sixty dollars a month. There are some apartments by the office space, however, the party will not have access to these apartments above the office space since the party will rent only the office space.

On Sunday, May 6, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES and PAT GRESHAM were scheduled to attend the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) meeting at the BWC Office at 2:00 PM. CLARKSON is interested in establishing a "Black United Front". It is CLARKSON's idea that if all black groups get together and formed a "Black United Front", they could then eliminate white radical groups. In CLARKSON's opinion, white radical groups slow up the progress of blacks, and therefore must be eliminated.

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is on the verge of a split at the present time. Some of the members of the BWC want to join forces with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), while others do not want anything to do with the party.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is in favor of forming a working relationship with the KBPP. ROBERTS appears to be changing his attitude somewhat and is becoming more activist oriented and perhaps at times even militantly oriented.

A meeting is scheduled at 6:00 PM at the KBPP Office on Monday, May 7, 1973.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the KBPP will hold a rally sometime in mid-June in Louisville, probably at the Plymouth Settlement House. The details regarding this rally are still not definite, however, they are being handled by PAT GRESHAM and CAROLLE MORRIS and are being coordinated

with BERNICE JONES. The theme of the rally will be the role of the black female in the revolutionary struggle.

According to MIKE CLARKSON, he was in touch with BERNICE JONES last Wednesday regarding the above-mentioned rally, and she agreed that the rally would be a good idea. It is CLARKSON's thought that the rally should be much like the recent rally in Jackson, Mississippi. CLARKSON wants to publicize the rally all over the country and hopes that people from all over the country will attend it. As yet there have been no definite plans as to just how CLARKSON will publicize the rally.

With respect to CLARKSON's idea of eliminating radical white groups because they impede the progress of black groups, CLARKSON has stated that he is particularly interested in eliminating the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). CLARKSON has stated that later this month (May), MIKE WELCH, HELEN GREEVER and ANNE BRADEN are scheduled to travel to New York to attend a Communist Party, USA (CP,USA) Rally. MIKE WELCH is supposed to be the speaker for SCEF at this rally, whose theme is racism in America. It is CLARKSON's idea that he will go to New York and attend the rally and when WELCH gets up to speak he will disrupt WELCH's speech and not allow him to talk. Instead, CLARKSON will relate to those people who are in attendance at the rally how MIKE WELCH and SCEF abandoned the KBPP.

According to CLARKSON, the CP,USA is very upset with MIKE WELCH and HELEN GREEVER for having allowed the KBPP to disrupt SCEF's operations. The CP,USA is especially upset with respect to the recent break-in at SCEF and the rip-off of SCEF because they (CP,USA) believe that MIKE WELCH was intimidated on this occasion.

In the event CLARKSON is unable to attend the rally in New York and disrupt WELCH's speech as he has mentioned, CLARKSON stated that an alternate action would be to make another move on SCEF, but this time make it a "harder" move.

[redacted] has been seen hanging around the Fourth Street Mall. [redacted] is selling watches and rings and other things which he steals. [redacted] is pushing some dope. [redacted] has completely disassociated himself from the party.

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MIKE CLARKSON has come up with the idea of setting up a "soul patrol". This will be a police group composed of black people only and will be responsible for patrolling the black community. In the event that trouble breaks out, the "soul patrol" will respond to it and correct it. It is CLARKSON's idea that the "soul patrol" will act exclusive of the police. CLARKSON noted that other cities have tried "soul patrols" which have worked in conjunction with the police, however, it is CLARKSON's idea that in the event a "soul patrol" is established in Louisville that the "soul patrol" will not work with nor cooperate with the police department at all.

The party's bussing program is scheduled to resume this Saturday, May 12, 1973. However, the party is running into some difficulty because apparently the Grace Hope bus has already been committed for this Saturday, and there is a possibility that the party will not be able to hold the bussing program this Saturday.

The equipment which was recently stolen from SCEF is now being kept by MIKE CLARKSON at 513 South 21st Street.

The equipment which was stolen from WALTER BOAGS is now being kept by HERB JONES at 2119 Osage Avenue. Apparently none of the equipment was shipped to New York despite the fact that on a previous occasion HERB JONES had stated that some of the stolen equipment had been sent to New York.

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**VANITA TINKER**



It is believed that VANITA TINKER resides on 41st Street just north of Broadway.

Recently ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS and JAMES CHANDLER have all been observed carrying handguns at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. CHANDLER has been observed wearing a shoulder holster underneath his suit jacket. These three individuals do not carry these weapons all the time. On some occasions, all three of them have been observed at the office within the last week without any weapons on their person.

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May 11, 1973

On Thursday evening, May 10, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) had a meeting at the BWC Office. The meeting dealt with police brutality, specifically with regard to an incident a few weeks ago in the West End of Louisville at which time seven blacks were allegedly beaten up by a police officer named MOODY.

Approximately twenty-five people attended the BWC meeting. This included some of the victims of the police brutality as well as three attorneys who were representing the victims. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was at the meeting and led the discussion concerning what future action will be taken with respect to the incident.

The individual who has been seen at the BWC Office on a previous occasion carrying a carbine was again at the BWC Office on Thursday evening. Through conversation it was learned that this individual's name is ROGER DICKERSON. DICKERSON again carried his carbine while at the BWC Office. DICKERSON claimed to be a member of the BWC. In his conversation he was extremely anti-white and anti-police. DICKERSON was observed driving a 1962 white Buick LaSabre, license Kentucky L9-304.

HERB JONES contacted source on Thursday, May 10, 1973, and advised source that he will probably be at the University of Louisville on Friday, May 11, 1973, during the afternoon hours and that if source wished to contact him, he would be able to see him at the University of Louisville.



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- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
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May 10, 1973

At the present time there are at least three individuals currently active within the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) who have been active within the KBPP for at least a year. These three individuals are BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES and CAROLLE MORRIS. Most of the other original members of the KBPP have left the party.

HERB JONES has a leadership position in the KBPP although exactly what his position is remains uncertain, inasmuch as the party at the present time is very "loose" and various responsibilities of party members are not well defined.

CAROLLE MORRIS [REDACTED]

lately and has not been very active within the party. However, she still considers herself a member of the party and is still considered to be a member by other party members. MORRIS reportedly is romantically involved with an individual named RICK OLIVER. Apparently OLIVER was, at one time, associated with the KBPP but has left the party.

BRUCE CONWAY remains a member of the KBPP. Like HERB JONES, he has a leadership position within the party, but exactly what that position is remains uncertain due to the confused structure of the party.

Neither BEN nor JUDI SIMMONS is associated with the party at the present time. The SIMMONSES have separated and perhaps this is one reason why they have become disassociated from the party.

JUDI SIMMONS has been observed on several occasions since she separated from BEN and on several of these occasions, [REDACTED].

On Thursday, May 10, 1973, between 3:30 and 4:30 PM, there were six members of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at the BWC Office at 23rd and Oak. In addition to these BWC members (two Negro males and four Negro females), there were two white men installing glass in the BWC windows. Apparently a few weeks ago, someone had thrown a rock through the front window of the BWC Office, and it has taken the BWC this long to have it repaired.

One of the Negro males at the office was a Negro male, 5'9" tall, 145 pounds, thin build, dark complexion, wearing sunglasses, between 20 and 21 years old, very "hip". This individual had in his possession a 30/30 carbine and was carrying it around the office. This individual claimed that the BWC is working very closely with the KBPP at the present time. Source observed that there were several pieces of literature in the BWC Office dealing with the Black Panther Party.

The other Negro male at the office was older than the first. He was wearing a suit and it appeared that he was wearing a shoulder holster under his suit jacket.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS made a telephone call to the BWC while the workmen were installing the window. It seemed as a result of this telephone conversation that the BWC is having a very difficult time paying for the window. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS spoke with one of the Negro females at the office (she appeared to be a secretary), and it appeared that the BWC did not have the necessary funds in order to pay the workmen. Finally, on orders from ROBERTS, one of the Negro females wrote out a check and gave it to the workmen. After the workmen left the Negro females in the office expressed doubt that there would be enough funds in whatever account the check was written on to cover the amount of the check.

According to the young Negro male at the BWC Office, HERB JONES of the KBPP was scheduled to arrive at the BWC Office later that evening in order to discuss some action that will be taken regarding police brutality in the black community.

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- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 157-1619 (W. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1621 (COX)
- 1 - 157-1722 (GRESHAM)
- 1 - 157-1757 (CHANDLER)
- 1 - 157-1758 (L. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1759 (TINKER)
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Information contained in this report regarding contact between the BWC and the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) was provided to Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, on May 10, 1973.

Detective MOORE advised that 1973 Kentucky license L9-304 is registered to ROGER DICKERSON, 652 South 40th Street, for a 1962 Buick. This vehicle was apparently used by one or more of the KBPP members present at the BWC Office on May 6, 1973. Inasmuch as PATRICIA GRESHAM is or was married to an individual whose last name was DICKERSON, it would seem possible that KBPP members obtained this vehicle through GRESHAM.

The current city directory reflects that a ROGER DICKERSON resides at 652 South 40th Street, and is listed as being a student.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 9, 1973

On Saturday, May 5, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a fish fry at its office during the evening hours. The fish fry was very successful inasmuch as the BWC made money as a result (exact amount unknown).

All of those individuals who came to the BWC Office and who purchased fish were given membership cards of the BWC. This was an effort by the BWC to increase its membership and to excite interest in the black community regarding the BWC.

On Sunday, May 6, 1973, the BWC had a meeting in the afternoon. At the meeting a vote was taken, at which time MOSE RAPIER, JIMMY COX, RON SLAUGHTER and BOB CUNNINGHAM were voted off the Board of Directors of the BWC. No one was voted in, in order to replace these four individuals on the board.

This vote was a special vote ordered by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. As previously reported, recently a split has developed within the BWC and MOSE RAPIER and several other board members have been attempting to oust ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. ROBERTS turned the tables on RAPIER and his supporters by getting as many of his supporters to attend Sunday's meeting as possible. At this time he announced there would be a special vote taken and MOSE RAPIER and his supporters were caught unawares.

All those individuals who attended the BWC meeting on Sunday were eligible to vote. This included individuals as follows, who voted for ROOSEVELT ROBERTS (that is to say they voted to oust RAPIER, COX, SLAUGHTER and CUNNINGHAM):

WOODROW ROBERTS

LEONARD ROBERTS

A fourth ROBERTS brother whose name is not known

DOROTHY ROBERTS

BRENDA (Last Name Unknown)

VANITA TINKER (who at one time supported MOSE RAPIER)

JAMES CHANDLER

BILLY BRITT

And several members of the BWC who have not been active within the BWC for many months.

After the vote was taken and the results announced, RAPIER, COX, SLAUGHTER and CUNNINGHAM actually cried in front of the entire membership. RAPIER stated that it is his opinion that without them to counter ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' actions, the BWC would be torn down by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and his brothers.

RAPIER and his supporters plan to picket the BWC meeting next Sunday, May 13, 1973, by way of protesting the action taken by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and his supporters.

At Sunday's meeting, MOSE RAPIER's wife and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' wife DOROTHY almost got into a fight. Feelings were running very high because of the surprise election, and after the election the two women had a verbal confrontation and nearly came to blows. WOODROW ROBERTS grabbed MOSE RAPIER's wife and prevented her from striking DOROTHY ROBERTS. MOSE RAPIER became very upset with WOODROW ROBERTS because he had grabbed his wife, and MOSE RAPIER and WOODROW ROBERTS almost got into a fight.

At Sunday's meeting, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES and a third individual whose name is not known, were at the meeting representing the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). The Panther whose name is not known is described as a Negro male, 5'10", stocky build, wearing sunglasses and driving a white Buick, license number L9-304. This individual carried a carbine into the meeting and kept it on his person during the entire meeting.

All three Panthers voted at the meeting and from the way they spoke, it was obvious that they voted in favor of removing the four individuals from the BWC Board of Directors.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES were at the BWC Office talking with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, JAMES CHANDLER and LEONARD ROBERTS. It has become apparent that the BWC and the KBPP will cooperate much more in the future than they have in the past. This cooperation is the direct result of a decision made by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS who has become much more militant than he once was.

The BWC no longer allows neighborhood children to come into the office during the daytime. The reason for this is probably due to the fact that most of the neighborhood children like MOSE RAPIER and they do not like ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. At Sunday's meeting, some of the neighborhood children

were in attendance and attempted to talk at the meeting in order to offer their support for RAPIER. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, however, did not allow the children to talk.

The unknown individual who is believed to be associated with the KBPP who was at Sunday's meeting carrying a carbine, was at the BWC Office again on Wednesday, May 9, 1973. While at the office, he again had his carbine. He talked with BARBARA BROWN and LEONARD ROBERTS while at the office.



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The Pegasus Parade held in Louisville, Kentucky, on the afternoon and early evening of May 3, 1973, was attended for the purpose of determining if there were any indications any individuals attempted to create civil unrest in connection with the parade.

No incidents of the above type were observed, however, around 7:15 PM on that date ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) was observed standing in a vacant used car lot on the southeast corner of 13th and Broadway Streets in Louisville using a megaphone asking people to congregate at that location. Discretion prevented close observance of ROBERTS and his purpose in gathering people at that location could not be determined. It was determined that there was a small rock band at that location named the Soul Celtics, a local Louisville, Kentucky, group. It was also observed that this band started playing as a crowd of approximately 200 persons gathered in the used car lot. All the individuals were black and they ranged in ages from 8 years of age to early 30's. No one was heard to urge any type civil unrest and it appeared the group was there just to listen to the band. As of about 8:30 PM that evening the band had quit playing and the group dispersed orderly.

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On May 4, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised re KBPP plans to hold a rally in Louisville, Kentucky, on 5/20/73..

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 3, 1973

On May 3, 1973, TONY MOORE, KEITH FANT, HERB JONES, and MIKE CLARKSON participated in the party's free breakfast program. Afterwards they stopped by the office briefly at which time HERB JONES got some posters.

These four individuals, travelling in FANT's brother's car (WILLIAM FANT), a 1964 green Chevrolet, then went looking for an appropriate place in the West End of Louisville at which the party could move its office.

CLARKSON saw two places which he is seriously considering. One of these is located on 18th and Ormsby on the northeast corner. The building located there used to be a poolroom and CLARKSON feels that this might be an appropriate place for the party to have an office.

Another building in which CLARKSON is interested is the building located at 1221 South 28th Street. This is an office space which used to house the office for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

After looking at these two office spaces, CLARKSON, JONES, FANT and MOORE then went to a realtor located at 335 West Market Street in order to inquire regarding the 18th and Ormsby office and then went to a realtor regarding the potential office space on 28th Street.

At one point the four of them went to the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and CLARKSON took some photographs of SCEF. CLARKSON was particularly interested in taking photographs of the bars which appear in SCEF's windows. CLARKSON stated that he is going to develop these photographs and they will appear in some publication at a later date, indicating how SCEF has deserted the movement.

HERB JONES took a camera to 5th and Walnut Streets in order to have the camera repaired. JONES stopped by his home around 22nd and Osage in order to pick up the camera.

MIKE CLARKSON stated that he can be reached at telephone number 774-3915. CLARKSON stated that this number is at the home of his "mother-in-law" (The current City Directory reflects that telephone number 774-3915 is subscribed to by Mrs. DOSIE GRESHAM, who is the widow of WILLIAM S. GRESHAM, 513 South 21st Street).

The party will not have a bussing program this weekend because according to HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON, Derby activities would interfere with the program.

The party plans to hold a rally on May 20, 1973, on the River City Mall at the same location where the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) recently sponsored a rally. CLARKSON is hopeful that by the 20th the party's dashikis will be ready, and party members will be able to wear them at the rally. The rally will generally deal with police brutality.

On Thursday these four individuals stopped by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. They arrived at approximately noon and stayed until approximately 2:00 PM. The party members spoke with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and three other members of the BWC regarding the party's bussing program.

After leaving the BWC, CLARKSON went to Radio Station WLOU where he taped a short speech regarding the fact that blacks rob each other instead of robbing white people and that blacks should rob from whites rather than vamping on their own kind.

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# Blacks Demand End To Police Brutality Now

By Susan Brown  
Defender News Editor

A crowd of about 100 people gathered in the Guthrie Green area of the River City Mall last Monday evening to listen to members of the Black Workers Coalition, the Black Panther Party, and other members of the Black community sound off about the problem of police brutality.

Michael Clarkson, a member of the Panther Party and first to address the crowd, told those gathered that "It's going to take everyone in the community to deal with this." Clarkson said that the first step in fighting the problem of brutality was "knowing who your enemy is" and he added, "when we are talking bout struggling, we are talking about freedom."

Clarkson also said that "fear is one of the things that dominates the community and this is one of the reasons for police brutality." He stated that "we have to protect ourselves" and said that freedom meant "freedom by any means necessary...I don't mean anything short of any means necessary."

Clarkson voiced his opposition to the alliance of Black groups with radical white groups. "There can never be any white and black solidarity until there is Black solidarity," he said. "There can never be any worker solidarity until there is racial solidarity." "We have got to clean up the streets," Clarkson continued. "We have got to clean up our own skeletons—clean up our own closets. There is going to be a struggle in this country today. There is going to be

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freedom for Black people or there isn't going to be freedom for anyone."

Ray Hudson, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for representative from the 43rd district, expressed his disappointment that so few Black people showed up for the rally. "Out of 85,000 Black people in Louisville community or more, only this small number cared enough to come out to talk about police brutality in the Black community," Hudson said, observing the crowd. He noted that some Blacks had traveled to Southeast Asia to fight for the people there, "but don't want to fight" against police brutality at home. Hudson pledged to "personally commit myself to do as much as I can about this situation."

"What we ought to be thinking about is forming a tight front in our community that is going to deal with police brutality," said Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition. He also criticized Blacks who have shown open support of Democratic Mayorial Candidates Dr. Carroll Witten and Dr. Harvey Sloane.

The rally came about as the result of an incident of police brutality which has culminated a series of brutality incidents in the Black Community. Allegedly, six men and a woman were involved in such a situation on April 21st at a bar on 10th and Oak Streets when a bar tender refused to return change to a woman who had purchased a drink from him. The police were called in, and reportedly, arrested the woman without stating the charges and proceeded

to beat up a man who tried to defend her--a victim of polio.

Herb Jones, another member of the Panther Party, encouraged the people present at the rally to support Cedric Maurice Wilson, a young Black man arrested in the Kroger robbery who has been charged with the murder of Louisville police officer Thomas Ray who died from wounds sustained while attempting to intervene in the robbery.

Jones said that Wilson was not guilty of the crime, but that the police had to have someone to pin it on.

"Black people were not born slaves. We were born kings and queens," Jones said. He encouraged the formation of a Black Liberation Army, saying, "Force respects force. I am not talking about peace."



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May 1, 1973

Shortly after 6:00 PM on April 30, 1973, about fifty (50) persons congregated on the River City Mall in the vicinity of Guthrie Green, where the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) conducted a rally against alleged police brutality.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, representing the BWC, MICHAEL CLARKSON and HERB JONES, representing the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), SONJA RAMSEY, representing the BWC, and RAY HUDSON, a current candidate for Louisville City Alderman, addressed those in attendance on various topics concerning black solidarity and police brutality.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS spoke concerning black and white racial solidarity, noting that until there is black solidarity there can never be any solidarity between the races. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES spoke concerning the formation of several "self defense groups" through which freedom could be achieved "by any means necessary." CLARKSON urged those in attendance to "know their enemy", noting that anyone who would stop their struggle or the struggle of black people should be considered an enemy. Above-mentioned rally was planned by the BWC in response to an incident which reportedly occurred on April 21, 1973, in the vicinity of 10th and Dumesnil Streets, Louisville, Kentucky, in which several Negroes allegedly were beaten by police. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, one of the Negro victims who was beaten by local police, was handicapped with a polio affliction. ROBERTS urged that more rallies such as the one described herein be planned for the future in order to protest police brutality in the Negro community. CLARKSON spoke concerning the police frame-up of CEDRIC WILSON for the shooting murder of Patrolman RAY of the Louisville Division of Police (LDP). CLARKSON urged those in attendance to support the defense of CEDRIC WILSON inasmuch as WILSON will need all the community support he can muster when he stands trial in Jefferson County Criminal Court for the above criminal act with which he has been charged. ROBERTS also pointed out that the "pigs" were all around the rally, especially on the rooftops of buildings on the River City Mall.

HERB JONES, representing the KBPP, spoke about the police brutality which occurred at Attica, New York, and in general about brutality in prisons. JONES urged the community to support these prisoners in their struggle, mentioning that guns should be provided these prisoners so that they themselves can take the walls down which surround them. JONES touched briefly on the establishment of the Black Panther Party (BPP) in 1966 and the progress that has been made by the BPP in the field of human rights and the struggle of the Negro.

During his short talk, HERB JONES pointed out a Caucasian male sitting nearby, identifying him as a "pig" and stating that he knew this individual was a "pig" because he had seen him in the courtroom at the Jefferson County Criminal Court when HERB JONES was on trial in connection with his alleged involvement in the multiple armed robbery at Laird's Tourist Home on May 5, 1973, at Louisville, Kentucky. JONES also pointed out that there were police on the rooftops in the immediate area. JONES sounded a warning to the above-mentioned "pig" and to all "pigs" that if he or any other "pig" would try to arrest him in the future, he could expect to be killed. JONES was extremely militant in his talk and spoke out strongly against law enforcement and the establishment.

LEO LESSER apparently was supposed to address the rally, however, LESSER arrived on the scene just as the rally was ending. Representatives of the "Courier-Journal", "Louisville Defender", and the "Louisville Times", were present to provide coverage of the BWC rally, however, no television crews were observed in the area.

SONJA RAMSEY, representing the BWC, and believed to be formerly affiliated with the Black Student Union at Jefferson Community College (JCC), spoke to the crowd about the need for black men to liberate themselves from the oppression which they currently face, noting that the women's liberation movement among the Negro masses is a mute question since the primary concern of the Negro community should be the liberation of the Negro male.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS terminated the rally and advised that all participants should leave the Guthrie Green area enmasse. ROBERTS suggested that all leave via Guthrie Green.

HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON apparently were transported to the BWC rally by RAY HUDSON since they returned

to HUDSON's automobile following the rally.

ROBERTS noted that another rally would be planned and that if everybody present at the above-mentioned rally would attempt to bring a friend, the size of the crowd would be doubled. ROBERTS apparently was not satisfied with the meager turnout and will make every effort in the future to increase the overall participation.

Present at the above-mentioned BWC rally were CAROLLE MORRIS, PAT GRESHAM, a heavy-set Negro male who recently affiliated himself with the KBPP (TONY MOORE), and his light-skinned Negro companion who also has affiliated himself with the KBPP (KEITH FANT). Following the BWC rally, PAT GRESHAM, KBPP member, mentioned that the KBPP will re-establish its office at another location, closing down its operation at 824 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky. GRESHAM also noted that the telephone currently located at the KBPP Office, 824 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, was supposed to be removed therefrom on April 29, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
May 1, 1973

According to MIKE CLARKSON, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is moving its office from East Chestnut Street to somewhere on 18th Street. Party members will probably move some of the office equipment from the old office to the new office on Tuesday, May 1, 1973.

MIKE CLARKSON has also indicated that party members can obtain dashikis, which will be sky blue in color, and on one side of the dashiki there will be a black panther. According to CLARKSON, CAROLLE MORRIS is supposed to make these dashikis for each member. The cost for making each dashiki, according to CLARKSON, will be \$3.00 per each member.

On Monday, April 30, 1973, KBPP members participated in a rally sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). The rally took place on the River City Mall near Guthrie Street.

The rally lasted from approximately 6:15 PM until 8:00 PM and about fifty people attended the rally. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS and SONJA RAMSEY spoke for the BWC. MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES spoke for the KBPP. RAY HUDSON, who is running for alderman in the city of Louisville, also spoke.

In addition to these individuals, an unknown woman and two unknown males from the audience spoke for a brief time.

HERB JONES was very militant in his speech. He addressed an unknown white male in the audience and accused the white male of being a policeman and called him a pig. On one occasion JONES threatened to kill any pig who ever tries to arrest him in the future.

In addition to HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON, KEITH FANT, TONY MOORE, BRUCE CONWAY and CAROLLE MORRIS from the KBPP attended the rally.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1973, the party held its breakfast program. HERB JONES, KEITH FANT, MIKE CLARKSON and TONY MOORE

participated in the program, serving approximately fifty children. From now on these four individuals will be responsible for the free breakfast program. They usually arrive at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Church at 6:45 AM and leave around 8:00 AM after serving the children.

KEITH FANT has quit his job at Ford. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, FANT indicated to KBPP members that the reason he quit his job was so that he could do more work for the party. Source indicated that FANT is much impressed with the KBPP and likes being known as a Panther. For this reason he often times put on a "front" for other KBPP members and this is the reason FANT indicated to other party members that he had quit his job in order to do more work for the party.

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According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the BWC (Black Workers Coalition) held a rally on Monday evening, April 30, 1973, on the River City Mall. ROBERTS claimed that there were approximately fifty people at the rally and he was very disappointed at this small turnout. ROBERTS indicated that he had spoken at the rally concerning police brutality and that two members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) had also spoken at the rally. ROBERTS also indicated that there were many police officers on the mall and, in fact, the police were waiting for members of the BWC when BWC members arrived at the mall to participate in the rally.

MOSE RAPIER, RON SLAUGHTER and BOB CUNNINGHAM did not participate in this rally. They had previously indicated that they will not participate in any BWC functions which are headed by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. RAPIER, SLAUGHTER and CUNNINGHAM have stated that they will continue to attempt to oust ROOSEVELT ROBERTS from his position as head of the BWC.

At the present time, due to the conflict within the BWC, very little community work is being done. Source is of the opinion that until the internal conflict is resolved within the BWC, the BWC will continue to founder.

MOSE RAPIER has indicated that he and some of the other members of the Board of Directors will attempt to vote ROOSEVELT ROBERTS out of office this coming weekend.

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On April 27, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the KBPP plans to hold a rally at Shawnee Park on Sunday, April 29, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 27, 1973

On Wednesday, April 25, 1973, the Kentucky Black Panther Party's rally was cancelled by MIKE CLARKSON due to rain.

HERB JONES had a hearing scheduled on Tuesday, April 24, 1973, regarding his defaulting on his car payments. This hearing, however, was laid over until a later date, sometime in mid-May. JONES stated that he will not go to New York until after this hearing in mid-May.

The Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) did not hold a political education class on Wednesday evening.

On Thursday, April 26, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES were at CEDRIC WILSON's arraignment. They were at the arraignment from approximately 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM and then went to WILSON's mother's home in order to discuss the case with her.

On Thursday evening from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM, the party held a rally at Shawnee Park. At its peak there were approximately forty individuals at the rally. MIKE CLARKSON was the main speaker. CLARKSON spoke regarding the recent arrest of five individuals by the Louisville Police Department and also regarding the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON. According to CLARKSON, both of these arrests are an example of police brutality. CLARKSON urged everyone who was in attendance to participate in a rally to be held on Monday, April 30, 1973, at River City Mall, which rally is being sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and will be a rally to show support for the five people who had been arrested.

PAT GRESHAM also spoke at the rally for a brief time and also spoke regarding police brutality.

In addition to CLARKSON and GRESHAM, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES and CAROLLE MORRIS were at the rally representing the party.

According to CAROLLE MORRIS, she has not seen RICK OLIVER for about a week. She and OLIVER are no longer living together. CAROLLE MORRIS has not resigned from the party as yet and apparently she is having second thoughts about resigning.

MIKE CLARKSON scheduled another KBPP rally to be held at Shawnee Park on Sunday, April 29, 1973, at 5:30 PM. This rally will also deal with police brutality.

On Friday, April 27, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY, MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESHAM and HERB JONES were at the KBPP Office at around 10:00 AM. CLARKSON indicated that he had received some more contributions from some local churches. CLARKSON got approximately fifty dollars from the churches. CLARKSON stated that he planned to deposit this money in a new account which he was opening up which would be primarily for the defense of CEDRIC WILSON.

The party still plans to hold a fish fry on Saturday, April 28, 1973, at the Plymouth Settlement House. This fish fry will start at 12:00 noon and last until 5:30 PM.

BEN SIMMONS has not been by the KBPP Office at all since returning to Louisville. No one from the party has seen him since last Monday evening when he was at the BWC Office.

G.T. ALEXANDER and RICK OLIVER have not participated in any KBPP functions nor have they stopped by the party office.

MIKE CLARKSON has indicated that the party will attempt to recruit around the rallies that the party is holding at Shawnee Park.

This Saturday the party will not have a bussing program, instead, the party, as previously indicated, will have a fish fry at the Plymouth Settlement House. The party plans to hold the bussing program only three Saturdays out of each month. On the fourth Saturday, the party will probably hold a fund raising affair similar to a fish fry.

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On Friday, April 27, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) came very close to picketing McCrory's at the Algonquin Shopping Center. The reason for the near picketing was due to the fact that JAMES CHANDLER's daughter was apparently fired from her job at McCrory's. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, upon hearing of this, went to McCrory's and had a confrontation with the manager at the store.

ROBERTS, after having this confrontation, returned to the BWC Office and was making arrangements to return to the store in order to hold a demonstration. At this point, MOSE RAPIER and JAMES CHANDLER went to McCrory's and spoke to the manager and were able to get CHANDLER's daughter's job back for her. As a result of CHANDLER and RAPIER's efforts, the BWC did not hold a demonstration at the store.

On Saturday, April 28, 1973, thirteen black women appeared at the BWC Office and met with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and VANITA TINKER. All of these females are employed at the Enro Shirt Company in Louisville and all of them had been fired recently. They discussed their situation with ROBERTS and TINKER. (VANITA TINKER is, herself, employed at Enro).

On Sunday, April 29, 1973, the BWC held its community meeting. At the meeting the BWC tentatively scheduled a fish fry for sometime in the future. The fish fry will be conducted in order to raise money for the BWC, and BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) and DOROTHY ROBERTS will run it.

ROBBIE CHILDS was at the meeting and received much criticism from BWC members because she had taken money from ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. CHILDS became upset as a result of the criticism and broke down at one point and cried.

The BWC members reiterated the fact that they were going to hold a demonstration on the River City Mall on Monday, April 30, 1973, at 6:00 PM.

At the meeting, BWC members criticized ROOSEVELT ROBERTS for his stand against the church. BWC members feel

that due to ROOSEVELT's anti-church position, the BWC loses would-be contributions from the churches.

Four of the five individuals who were arrested last Saturday were at the BWC meeting on Sunday. They urged those in attendance to participate in the BWC-sponsored rally on Monday evening at the River City Mall.

In addition to these four individuals, two members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) attended the meeting. These two individuals were MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES. They did not, however, speak at the meeting.

The KBPP held a rally at Shawnee Park on Thursday, April 26, 1973. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, BRENDA (Last Name Unknown), SONJA RAMSEY, LEONARD ROBERTS and JAMES CHANDLER attended this rally. The rally dealt with political prisoners.

Sometime last week the windows at the BWC Office were broken. As a result of this vandalism, pasteboards have been placed in the window space protecting the BWC Office from the weather.



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April 30, 1973

According to HERB JONES, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) will participate in a rally sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). This rally will be held on Monday, April 30, 1973, at the River City Mall.

According to JONES, the purpose of this rally is to protest against a recent incident somewhere in the West End whereby several blacks were arrested and were the victims of police brutality.

There has been no activity at the KBPP Office for almost two weeks. None of the KBPP members come by the office and as a result, interest in the East End regarding the KBPP has dropped off.

KEITH FANT remains interested in the KBPP despite the fact that the KBPP Office is closed. FANT has had difficulty in locating KBPP members in order to find out what is happening within the party.

FANT has three brothers. They are ROBERT, MICHAEL and WILLIAM FANT. ROBERT is twenty-six and is a career Army man. MICHAEL is twenty and WILLIAM is twenty-eight. At one time the FANT family resided at 822 South 41st Street in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Information in the enclosed regarding possible unrest over police arrest occurring early 4/21/73, was telephonically furnished by SA WARREN L. WALSH on 4/23/73, to Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Police Advisory Unit, Louisville PD.

On 4/23/73, HAWKINS advised he had checked and

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found the following:

Shortly prior to 1:00 AM on 4/21/73, the Louisville Police received a complaint there was a disorderly female in JOHNNY HAZEL's Tavern at 10th and Dumsnil Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. Officers went to that location and attempted to place the female, ALTHEA B. STANLEY, Negro, birth reported as 12/12/33, residence as 541 Marshal Court, under arrest. STANLEY resisted arrest and had to be forcibly arrested. Upon searching it was found she had a .38 caliber revolver in her purse. While attempting to arrest STANLEY, a Negro male, later identified as WILLIAM HENRY THOMAS, birth reported as [redacted] residence 2507 Howard Street, Louisville, interjected himself into the dispute and interfered with the officers. The officers then placed THOMAS under arrest, but during the struggle THOMAS hit one of the officers, namely J. MOODY, a Negro. MOODY's partner was officer M. BARNES, also a Negro. About this time others began interfering with the arresting officers resulting in three other individuals, namely FRANK COX, L. B. GILES, and EDWARD LEE TROWELL, also being arrested.

On 4/23/73, there was received by mail an announcement regarding the formation of the Libertarian Party of Kentucky. According to the announcement the Libertarian Party of Kentucky, (LPK), will hold its first annual state convention at Holiday Inn, Downtown, Louisville, 4/28/73. Among matters to be resolved at that time will be the adoption of the constitution and bylaws, adoption of 1973 platform and election of party officers.

According to the announcement received, the current Pro Tem officers of the LPK are the following:

SUSAN L. BROWN  
Apartment 4  
1836 Algonquin Parkway  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Phone 774-4029  
Chairman

MARTIN D. JAHN  
67 Dunster Court  
Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky  
Phone 331-7195  
Vice Chairman

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**CHARLES S. BROWN, JR.**  
(not further identified)  
Secretary

**WILLIAM MORGAN**  
(not further identified)  
Treasurer

The announcement states that the Libertarian Party of Kentucky is the newest of 31 state parties to be formed under the auspices of the National Libertarian Party which was founded in December, 1971, and held its first convention in June, 1972, in Denver, Colorado. It is stated that the Libertarian Party is based on three simple principles: 1) that every individual has the right to his or her own life, to pursue it in any way possible, so long as that right is retained for all others; that is, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM; 2) that no individual, group, or government may initiate the use of force against any other individual, group, or government; and 3) that the only economic system compatible with individual freedom is a free market economy -- CAPITALISM. Libertarians believe that the only function of government is to protect the rights of the individuals.

The above literature from the Libertarian Party was received by SA WARREN L. WALSH by mail from source on 4/26/73 and is attached to the copy of this communication designated for 100-Dead LPK.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 23, 1973

On April 23, 1973, an unidentified individual connected with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) in Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically advised that the BWC was holding a meeting at its office on West Oak Street at 5:00 PM on April 23, 1973. The person stated that the meeting was being held to discuss the matter of police brutality which occurred in connection with some arrests made by the Louisville, Kentucky Police, on Saturday morning, April 21, 1973, at 10th and Dumasnil Streets, Louisville, Kentucky.

Because of other commitments the above meeting was not able to be attended.

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The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) sponsored Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March and demonstration on April 4, 1973, in Louisville, Kentucky, was held without any incidents occurring. At one time there were approximately 200 people participating but by the time the speeches had ended at the Jefferson County Courthouse there were only approximately 25 - 30 still attending. Among individuals recognized as participating in the march but not speaking was BEN SIMMONS of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). The only person recognized as being present from Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), was ANNE BRADEN. She did not speak to the group.

Among speakers at the above event was MICHAEL CLARKSON of the KBPP and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of the BWC. CLARKSON's remarks were very "low key" and related primarily to efforts to fight the drug pushers. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was a little more inflammatory in his remarks and complained about the proposed cutting of poverty funds by the NIXON Administration. He commented to the effect that if peaceful means did not gain for the poor black people their just needs, then other means would have to be found to obtain these.

Sam Hawkins was among those attending the above event, but he did not address the group.

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# Rally seeks black unity to fight 'police brutality'

By WILLIE RIDDLE  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

"In order for blacks to deal with police brutality or any form of brutality, it is going to take a unified effort from all members of the black community," said Michael Clarkson, a member of the Kentucky chapter of the Black Panther Party, yesterday at a River City Mall rally protesting alleged police brutality.

Clarkson was one of several speakers to a small audience at the rally, which was sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). He said black people haven't realized the power they hold and that "before black people can deal with police brutality we must first know who the enemy is."

Ray Hudson of the BWC said he was

disappointed in the size of the crowd at the rally. "I'm upset that out of 85,000 blacks in Louisville only a handful came out to show their concern about the brutality on brothers and sisters," he said.

He said political candidates showed their lack of concern about police brutality against blacks by not attending the rally.

According to Roosevelt Roberts, BWC chairman, the rally was called because of a recent case of alleged police brutality reported to the coalition. Roberts said several blacks were beaten by police April 21 after an incident at a tavern at 10th and Oak streets.

One speaker, who said his name was Ja-Ja, said blacks must take up arms against those who are against them. "If they (the police) want to beat us with sticks, we should beat them with sticks. If they want to shoot us, we should shoot them," he said.

Roberts told the rally he hopes to come up with a plan "to deal with police brutality" and that more meetings would be held to discuss ways to end brutality against Negroes.

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On April 24, 1973, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised regarding the plans of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) to hold a rally on the River City Mall on 4/30/73.

Detective HAWKINS was also advised that the KBPP plans to hold a rally at Shawnee Park on 4/25/73.

HAWKINS was also made aware of the fact that the KBPP plans to hold a fish fry on 4/28/73, in order to raise money for the defense of CEDRIC WILSON.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 24, 1973

On Monday, April 23, 1973, at approximately 6:00 PM, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON and PAT GRESHAM met at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office. A political education class had been scheduled at that time, however, no one else showed up so these four members decided to go to the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office at 2300 West Oak Street in order to attend a press conference which had been called by the BWC.

They arrived at the BWC Office at approximately 6:30 PM. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS led the press conference which dealt with alleged police brutality arising out of an incident on Saturday morning, April 21, 1973, at a bar in the West End.

BEN and JUDI SIMMONS were at the BWC Office. BEN SIMMONS stated that he had returned to Louisville earlier that day. SIMMONS did not indicate where he had been. SIMMONS did indicate, however, that he had "been around" and while travelling around at some unknown location had seen the film "The Death of FRED HAMPTON."

BEN SIMMONS has changed his appearance somewhat inasmuch as he has shaved off his beard. SIMMONS now sports a very thin mustache. SIMMONS was wearing a very expensive blue nylon jacket and was also wearing what looked to be a genuine diamond ring.

After the press conference there was a short meeting at the BWC Office at which time ROOSEVELT ROBERTS announced that the BWC would sponsor a demonstration next Monday, April 30, 1973, at 6:00 PM on the River City Mall. ROBERTS indicated that the BWC would not apply for a permit in order to hold this demonstration because ROBERTS stated that the River City Mall "belongs to the people." ROBERTS indicated that his aim is to have six hundred people participate in the demonstration. The purpose of the demonstration will be to protest the alleged police brutality.

MIKE CLARKSON did not commit the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) to participate in the rally. CLARKSON

stated that he feared that there would be a confrontation with the police at the rally and felt that the participants in the rally would be at a disadvantage inasmuch as the BWC had planned not to have any weapons at the rally. CLARKSON stated that if he or any other members of the Panthers participate in the rally, he wants to be armed. CLARKSON indicated that he would discuss the matter further with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS later in the week and at that time he would determine whether or not the Panthers will participate in the demonstration.

At the demonstration it is anticipated that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS will speak for the BWC and there will probably be other speakers. In the event the Panthers decide to participate in the rally, MIKE CLARKSON will probably be the speaker for the party.

The KBPP plans to hold a rally on Wednesday, April 25, 1973, at Shawnee Park at 4:30 PM. PAT GRESHAM will be in charge of this rally. At the present time MIKE CLARKSON is trying to get some bull horns for the rally. CLARKSON stated that he plans to publicize this rally by making announcements concerning it over the radio.

The party also plans to hold a fish fry on Saturday, April 28, 1973, at 1:00 PM, at the Plymouth Settlement House. The purpose of the fish fry is to raise money for the defense of CEDRIC WILSON. HERB JONES has made arrangements for the fish fry.

HERB JONES has purchased five hundred posters from the White Printing Company. These posters have figure heads of MALCOLM X and GEORGE JACKSON and others on them. The KBPP plans to sell these posters for seventy-five cents each or two for \$1.25. Party members sold some of the posters at BWC's press conference on Monday night and made approximately fifteen dollars from the sale of the posters.

BEN SIMMONS apparently is not interested in becoming reaffiliated with the KBPP. However, SIMMONS did indicate that he planned to stop by the KBPP Office on Tuesday, April 24, 1973, at 6:00 PM, where the KBPP had planned to have a political education class.

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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 24, 1973

On Saturday, April 21, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a Board of Directors meeting at which time ROOSEVELT ROBERTS got into an argument with JIMMY COX and RON SLAUGHTER. ROBERTS wants the apartment above the BWC Office to be vacated in order that the BWC may use the apartment as an office space. JIMMY COX and RON SLAUGHTER argued that this would be unfair to the tenant and that there is no real necessity for the BWC to utilize the upstairs as an office space.

On Sunday, April 22, 1973, the BWC held its community meeting. There were no incidents at this meeting. As usual, the discussion at the meeting centered around the grievances of black workers against their employers.

On Monday, April 23, 1973, there was no activity at the BWC Office during the morning. During the early afternoon hours, LEONARD ROBERTS, BARBARA BROWN, JEAN (Last Name Unknown) and SONYA RAMSEY were at the BWC Office playing poker and drinking beer.

At approximately 5:00 PM, the BWC held a press conference. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS held the press conference. There were well over eighty people at the press conference, which dealt with police brutality.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, several blacks were arrested on Saturday morning, April 21, 1973, at a bar located at 10th and Dumesnil. As a result of these arrests, a woman and at least two men were beaten up by the police. One of the individuals arrested was a polio victim and he received injuries to his right arm, which caused him to have stitches.

Another man who was arrested had to have stitches taken in his head as a result of police brutality.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, several other individuals were pushed around, including JIMMY COX. JIMMY COX was arrested and pushed around because he took the number



of the police car, which was at the scene at the time of the arrest, and indicated to the arresting officers that WILSON EDWARDS was going to hear of their mistreatment of individuals at the bar. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, because of this action by JIMMY COX, the police officers then pushed him around and later arrested him.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that a woman was also arrested at this time, and that she was dragged out of the bar by the police and thrown into the police car. During this time this woman received injuries.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, a police officer named MOODY was the police officer who committed the acts of brutality upon the individuals whom he arrested.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that it is time that the black community did something about the police brutality which exists in the black community. He indicated that the BWC would hold a "walk" or march on the River City Mall (Fourth Street) on April 30, 1973, protesting police brutality in general, and this last police brutality in particular.

At the press conference there were representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Urban Renewal and the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

In addition to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, ROBERT CUNNINGHAM spoke very briefly and indicated that he was tired of police brutality in the black community and that it was time for black people to do something about it, otherwise after the police were done victimizing polio victims, they would come after black children next.

An individual from the NAACP spoke briefly and stated that it was necessary that black people walk together in harmony to support the black brother (the one who is a polio victim) who was the victim of police brutality in order to help get rid of this type of activity in the future.

There were reporters from the "Louisville Defender" at the press conference, as well as photographers from the "Louisville Defender." One of the photographers

took a photograph of the polio victim who was alleged to have been beaten up by the police. The photographer took a photograph of the stitches which this individual had on his right arm.

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On Saturday, April 14, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a board meeting at the BWC Office at approximately 2:00 PM. Not all board members were able to attend this meeting.

Those who attended the meeting were as follows:

BRENDA (Last Name Unknown)  
RON SLAUGHTER  
JIMMY COX  
VANITA TINKER  
ROOSEVELT ROBERTS  
DOROTHY ROBERTS  
CONNIE PRYOR  
MOSE RAPIER  
J. CUNNINGHAM.

At the meeting, CONNIE PRYOR accused ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of using BWC members in order to gain his own end and related to the members of the board how ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had used her.

Other board members criticized ROBERTS for his indiscriminate use of BWC funds. One criticism of ROBERTS was that he had given ROBBIE CHILDRESS three hundred dollars for her campaign without consulting anyone else in the BWC.

It was originally anticipated that at this board meeting ROOSEVELT ROBERTS would be asked to resign. However, because not all board members were present at this meeting, this matter was never brought up.

After the board meeting a Negro female named MILDRED LOGAN, who was employed at Ford Motor Company, came to the BWC Office. She has filed a complaint against Ford with the BWC. According to LOGAN, she hurt her arm while employed at Ford and had to take some time off from work. Upon her return to work, she presented a doctor's excuse to the Ford Company but they refused to accept the doctor's excuse, and she was dismissed from her employment.

The BWC has taken up MILDRED LOGAN's grievance and the BWC has arranged to meet with representatives from Ford regarding her grievance.

On Sunday, April 15, 1973, the BWC held its community meeting at the BWC Office. Most of the discussion centered around MILDRED LOGAN's grievance against the Ford Company. At this meeting, BWC members expressed the opinion that the BWC stands a very good chance of getting MILDRED LOGAN rehired by Ford.

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On Monday evening, April 16, 1973, LEONARD ROBERTS was in charge of an anti-drug class held at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. This class was for the benefit of children, and approximately seventeen children attended the class.

Afterwards, MILDRED LOGAN arrived at the office and discussed her grievance against the Ford Motor Company with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS.

On Tuesday evening, April 17, 1973, BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) met with approximately fifteen children at the BWC Office and led a discussion as to the harmful effects of using drugs.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1973, MOSE RAPIER and RON SLAUGHTER took ten children (four girls and six boys) to various stores in the Louisville area. RAPIER and SLAUGHTER had arranged for certain stores to provide free Easter outfits for these children.

On Thursday, April 19, 1973, the BWC arranged for a photographer from the Courier-Journal to come to the BWC Office where they took photographs of the ten children who had received free Easter outfits as a result of the BWC's effort. At the time the photographs were taken the children were dressed in the clothes which they had received from the BWC.

The BWC had hoped that some television station would cover the story, however, no representatives from any of the local television stations showed up at the BWC Office.

The BWC has decided that it will again attempt to get as many black people as possible to register to vote. At the present time, BWC members are sending out literature to potential black voters in an effort to get them to register.

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- 1 - 157-1621 (COX)
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Louisville, Kentucky  
April 11, 1973

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) continues to have internal problems. MOSE RAPIER has decided that he is going to attempt to depose ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. RAPIER has decided that at this coming Saturday's Board of Directors meeting, he will officially bring charges against ROBERTS.

According to RAPIER, ROBERTS has been taking money which comes to the BWC in the form of donations from Crispy Chicken and Kentucky Fried Chicken. In addition to these monies, according to RAPIER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has been taking the rent money from the apartment which the BWC rents. (This apartment is directly over the BWC Office).

As best that can be determined, MOSE RAPIER will be joined by RON SLAUGHTER, JIMMY COX, BOB CUNNINGHAM and VANITA TINKER in opposing ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. ROBERTS, on the other hand, will have support from JAMES CHANDLER, his two brothers, WOODROW and LEONARD ROBERTS, and from BILLY BRITT.

RAPIER is attempting to get CONNIE PRYOR to come to Saturday's meeting so she can tell the other Board Members how ROBERTS took advantage of her and how he mismanaged the BWC's affairs.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is attempting to get a former member of the Board of Directors, JIMMY BLAND, to come to Saturday's meeting. Apparently ROBERTS is going to attempt to get JIMMY COX to resign. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, COX should not be on the board any longer because COX has been ill (COX had surgery recently) and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS maintains that COX cannot adequately acquit his duties with respect to the BWC. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS wants JIMMY BLAND to replace COX on the board. MOSE RAPIER feels that the real reason ROOSEVELT ROBERTS wants JIMMY COX off the board and JIMMY BLAND on the board is because COX opposes ROOSEVELT ROBERTS while JIMMY BLAND supports ROBERTS.

According to MOSE RAPIER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has been using his youngest brother whose name is unknown but who is approximately seventeen years old, to pick up money which comes in through the BWC's youth program. According to

RAPIER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS then keeps that money.

RAPIER hopes that a neighborhood teenager named KEITH (Last Name Unknown) will speak at Saturday's board meeting and relate to other board members exactly how RAPIER has been getting money from the BWC's youth program.

WILLIAM JENNINGS has not been by the BWC Office at all and has had no association with the BWC for several months.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC), and there has been no mention made of the IBWC by BWC members.